

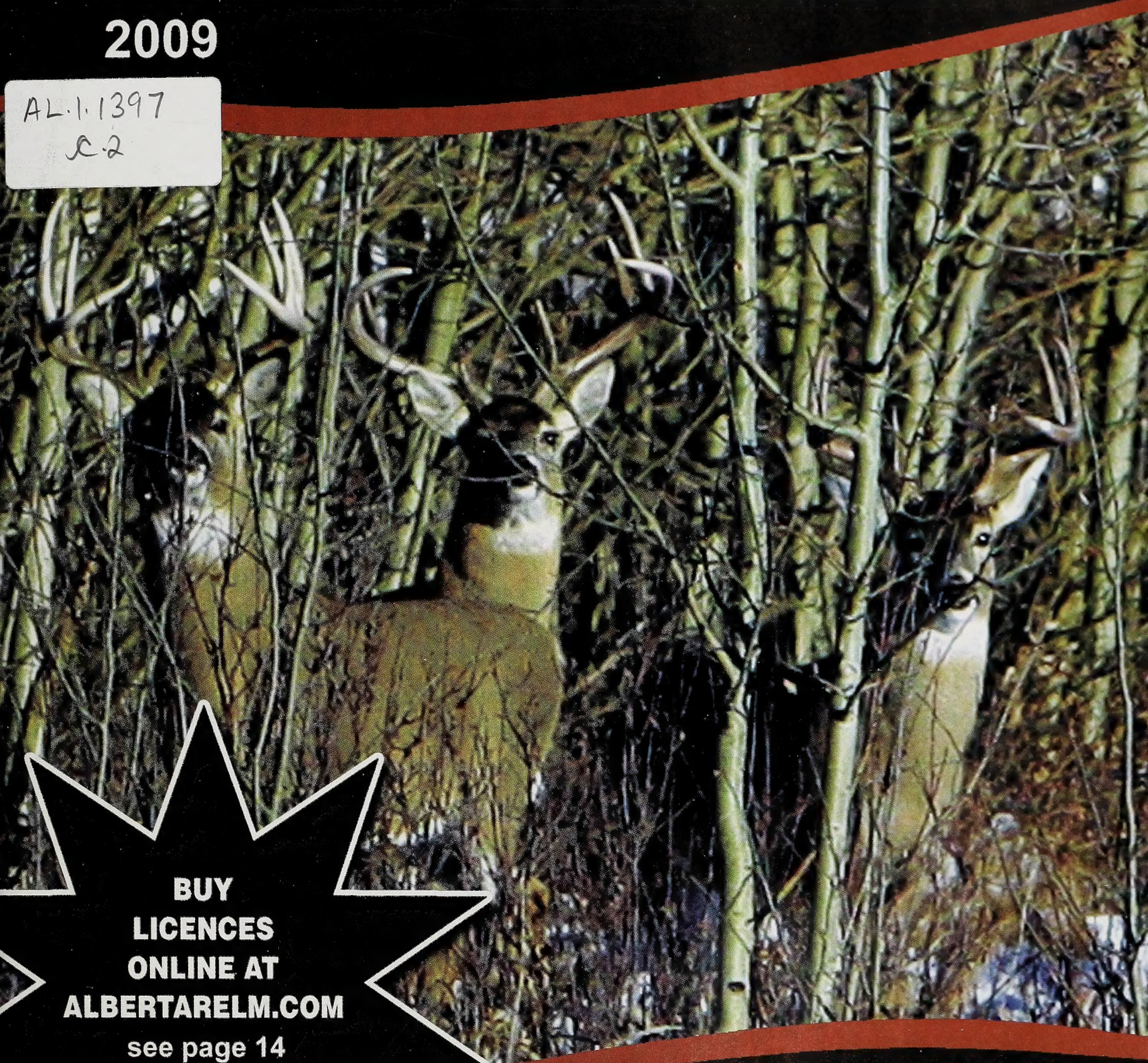
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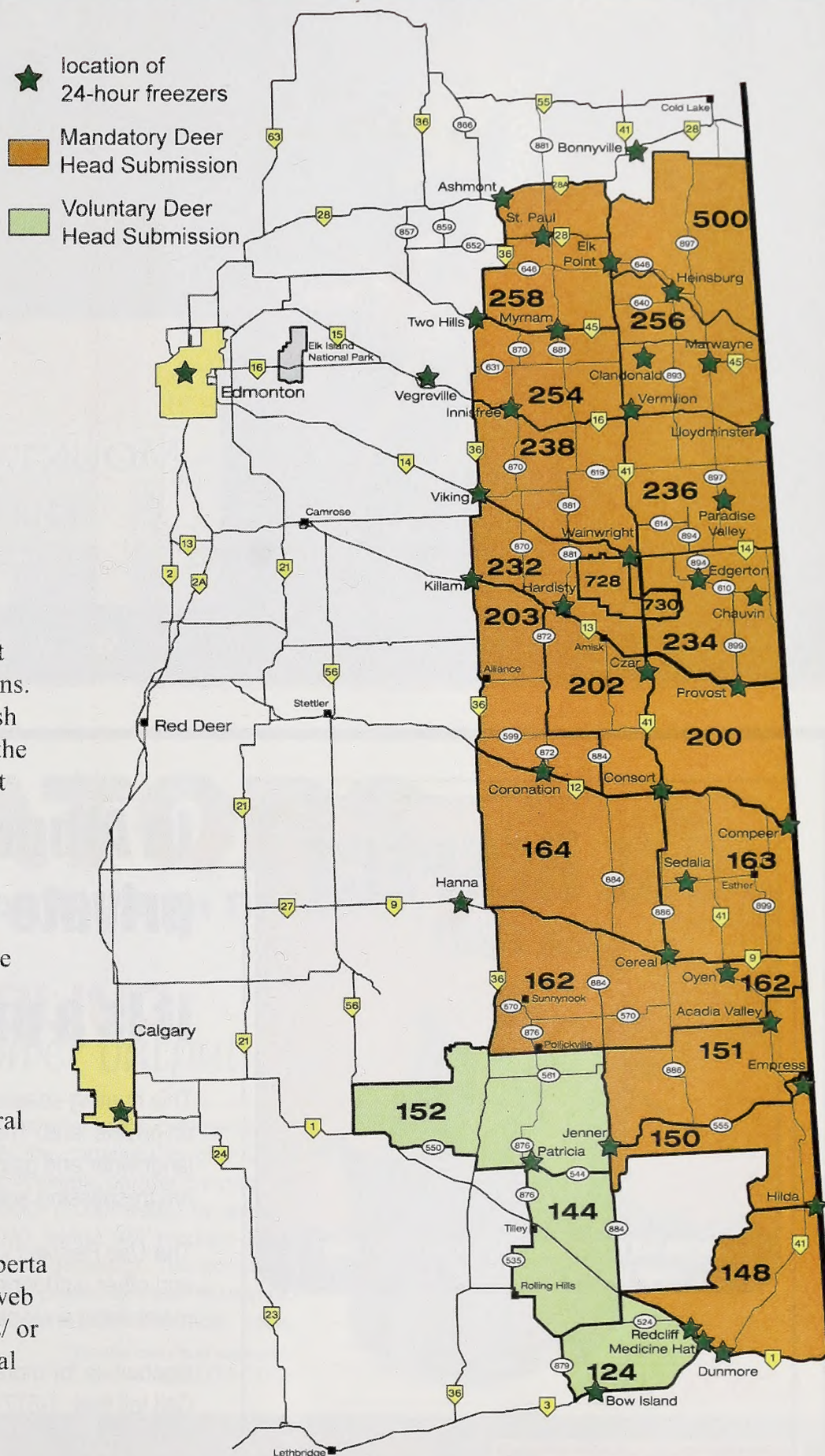
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New for 2009, the designated CWD Control Areas and the associated quota licences for non-landowners are discontinued (Note that quota licences are still available for landowners along the border). However, hunting opportunities in the border areas are expanded to maintain hunting pressure on deer populations and to standardize seasons and opportunities. In the border areas, hunters can harvest up to five deer each on general licences. Check the 2009 *Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations* for specific details.

For more detailed information about CWD visit the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development, wildlife diseases web site www.srd.gov.ab.ca/fishwildlife/livingwith/diseases/ or contact Dr. M. Pybus (780) 427-3462 or for toll free dial 310-0000 first.

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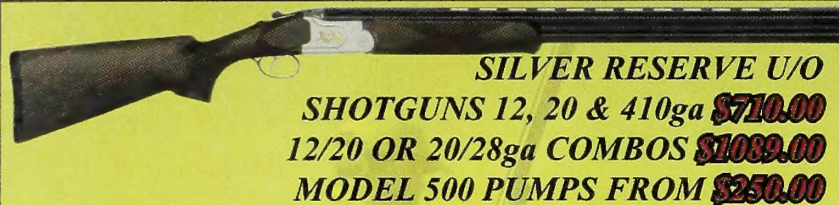
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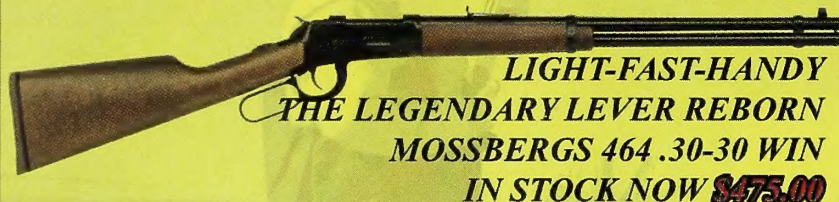
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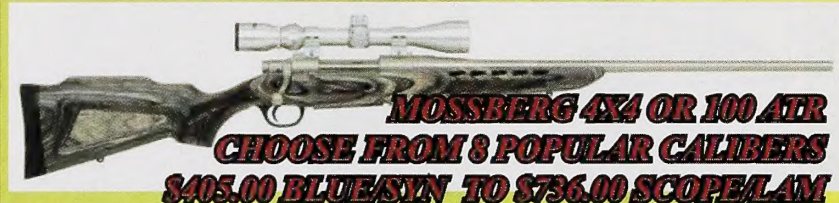
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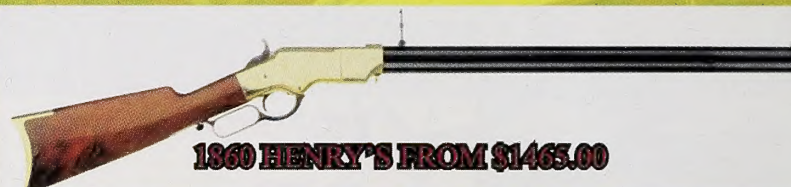


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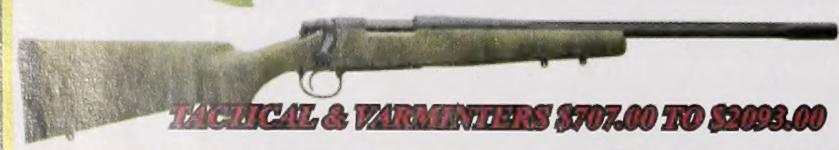
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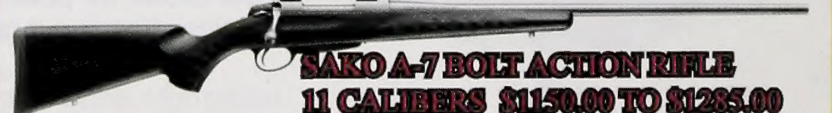
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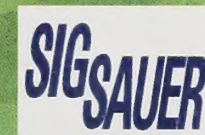
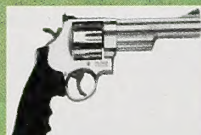
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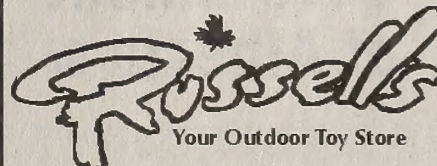
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hunters to share their enthusiasm for our hunting tradition. Provincial Hunting Day is also a great opportunity to recruit youth hunters, which is why we will continue the upland game bird initiative for youth hunters on this special day. Another initiative will provide opportunities for youth waterfowl hunting – Waterfowler Heritage Days on the first weekend in September in southern Alberta.

Our new online licensing system – www.albertarelm.com – and companion website – www.mywildalberta.com – continue to provide greater convenience for hunters and anglers and are undergoing improvements. All recreational hunting licences can now be purchased online, which includes both general and special licences. Additionally, hunters will be able to reserve undersubscribed special licences online. We continue to listen to your feedback to ensure we consistently improve this technology.

Increased opportunities continue for hunters to harvest deer as part of our ongoing surveillance of CWD along the Saskatchewan border. We are maintaining the hunting pressure along the border by standardizing the hunting seasons and opportunities in those border Wildlife Management Units.

Please take the opportunity to pass on your knowledge to sons, daughters, nieces and nephews. Alberta has great volunteer organizations that provide firearm safety and hunter education courses. The Hunter Competency exam, a requirement of all first-time hunters, is now available online. For more information, please visit the My Wild Alberta website.

All of us at Sustainable Resource Development hope all hunters in Alberta's outdoors have a successful year. I urge you to be careful in the field and respect the land. Be sure to get permission for access where required and become familiar with the regulations in this guide. Good hunting and best wishes for a quality hunting experience.

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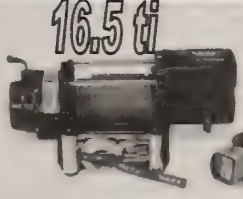
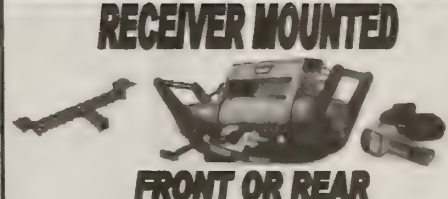
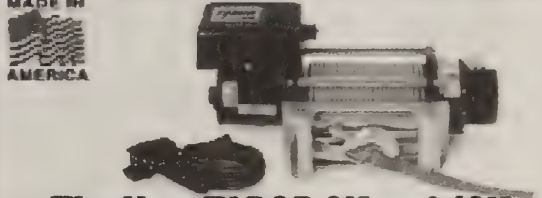
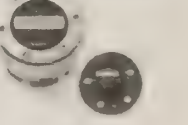
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GENERAL

- Recreational hunting licences (general and special licences) can now be purchased online. To buy a licence online that requires a tag, you must have prenumbered 10 digit orange paper tag and wire before you begin your purchase. Online paper tags are available at your local Fish and Wildlife District office or by calling 1-888-944-5494. See page 14.
- Undersubscribed special licences will be available August 20, 2009. This is **2 weeks earlier** than in the past. Hunters will also have the option to reserve their licence online on albertarelm.com.
- Electronic calls can now be used to hunt crows, magpie, coyote, red fox and wolf (using sounds that mimic the animals or rodents).
- Mandatory head submission of elk and deer for CWD testing has been extended to also include WMUs 162, 164, 202, 203, 232, 238, 254, 258 and 728.
- After 2009, the Alberta Hunter Competency Exam will be discontinued. Subject to any exceptions noted in this guide, those who must meet first-time hunter competency in 2010 must successfully complete the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course.

BIG GAME

- WMUs 124 and 144 have been added to WMUs 148, 150, and 151 for Antlered and Antlerless Elk Special Licences.
- An Antlered and Antlerless Elk Special Licence has been created combining WMUs 164, 166 and 208.
- An Antlerless Elk Special Licence season has been created in WMU 505.
- All Cypress Hills Elk Special Licences are now antlered or antlerless (either sex).
- A WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Special Licence (Draw Code 40) has been created. Applicants for this special licence will be allowed to also apply for one other Elk Special Licence. Holders of this licence are still eligible to hold either a general Elk Licence or one other Elk Special Licence.
- The Antlered Moose Special Licence in WMU 305 has been eliminated.
- Holders of Antlered and Antlerless Moose and Elk Special Licences in WMUs 200, 234, 236, 256 and 500 may hunt with primitive weapons from October 15 to October 31.
- An Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence has been reinstated for WMU 234.
- There will be no CWD Quota Licences for the 2009 season, except for landowners. See page 70.
- The deer seasons in WMUs 150, 151, 162, 163, 200, 202, 232, 234, 236, 256 and 500 have been extended into December for the entire WMU. Check season dates.
- The hunting season for mountain goats has been closed in goat hunting area Q for the 2009 hunting season.
- The boundaries for Non-trophy Sheep hunting areas 438B and 438C have been changed.
- The use of dogs is prohibited while hunting bobcat.
- The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence will be issued with two tags and is valid in the following WMUs: 150, 151, 162, 163, 200-208, 214-246, 250-260, 310-314, 322-326, 330-357, 360, 436-446, 500-514, 516-531, 534-544.

BIRD GAME

- Waterfowler Heritage Days are designated for the first weekend of September - 5th and 6th, 2009 (see page 61).

MAPS

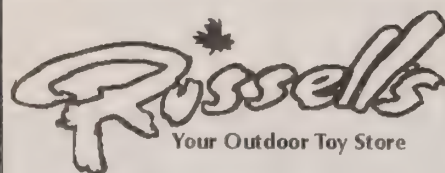
Maps providing information about access, topography and land ownership can be purchased at several locations throughout the province. Contact your local Map Dealer. Map Dealer locations are highlighted on the Map Distribution Centre external website at srd.alberta.ca

Provincial and Federal Maps

Provincial and federal access and topographical maps are available from various private map dealers throughout the province.

County and Other Municipal Maps

Hunters are reminded to check with county and municipal offices for detailed maps showing land ownership status. These maps are available for a nominal fee and are useful for determining land status and ownership, which can help you obtain permission for access.



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WMU DESCRIPTIONS

The WMU boundaries shown on the enclosed map are small-scale approximations of the actual units legally described in the *Wildlife Regulation* (AR 143/97) and subsequent amendments. The map enclosed in this Guide is provided to help you identify the WMU in which you wish to hunt. **It is your responsibility to know in which WMU you are hunting and the seasons, rules and regulations that govern hunting in that WMU.** Text descriptions of the WMU boundaries may be either read at your nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office or through the Alberta Queen's Printer website (www.qp.alberta.ca) or purchased from The Queen's Printer at the following address:

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BACKGROUND

What is albertarelm.com?

Albertarelm.com is a website built specifically for anglers and hunters and is funded in part by your licence fees. By registering on this site, hunters and anglers can buy or renew their Wildlife Identification Number card (WIN), buy sportfishing licences and hunting licences, and apply for their draws online.

Hunters and anglers can view their licence purchases for the past five years including their draw application history, draw results and priorities; update their addresses and telephone numbers and receive directed information.

What is a WIN

A WIN is your unique Wildlife Identification Number which is required to purchase all your fishing and hunting licences (see page 20).

Prior to 2008, fishing and hunting licences were only available at private sector licence issuers located throughout the province. There are more than 450 private sector licence issuers with licences available during business hours.

In 2008, Sustainable Resource Development in conjunction with IBM expanded your options with the introduction of online licence sales. You can now visit albertarelm.com and purchase or renew your WIN and purchase your sportfishing licence and hunting licences and apply for draws.

ONLINE PURCHASES

What do I need to purchase an online licence?

You will need a valid credit card, an email address, access to a computer with an internet connection and a printer to print your licences. If you do not have an email address, free addresses are available through internet service providers or free email services such as Hotmail and Gmail. Credit cards accepted are Visa, MasterCard and American Express.

If you purchase a licence online that requires a tag(s) you must use an

online paper tag. The online paper tags contain a unique 10 digit tag number. You are required to enter it when making your purchase. Tags are available at your local Fish and Wildlife office free of charge. Print your licence once your purchase is complete. You do not need to wait for licence to be mailed or go to another location to pick it up. If you lose your online licence, you can reprint the licence online at no cost.

What does it cost to buy an online licence?

Your online licence will cost the same as a licence purchased at your local licence issuer. The cost varies according to the type of licence you buy. There are no added service fees.

What are the technical requirements for my computer for online purchases?

Your internet browser should use Microsoft Internet Explorer Version 6.0 or newer or Firefox Version 2 or newer. To print your licence, your operating system should be Adobe Acrobat Reader Version 7 or newer. Adobe Acrobat is available as a free download once you are connected to the internet.

Is there someone I can call if I have problems when I try to purchase a licence?

You can call the albertarelm Help Desk (1-888-944-5494) for assistance. You can also send e-mail inquiries to drawhunt@ca.ibm.com

How do I know my information is secure?

Your internet browser will indicate that you are operating on a secure server. You will know this as the URL of the website will begin with an "https" rather than "http" and there will be a closed padlock on the status bar.

Albertarelm is protected using a secure internet service know as Verisign. The information you enter is transmitted using a Secure Socket Layer (SSL) of communications.

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HOW TO ACCESS THE ONLINE SYSTEM

The screenshot shows the AlbertaRELM website interface. At the top, there are three tabs: "Already registered?", "Not registered", and "Apply for your WIN Online!". Below these tabs are input fields for "WIN card:" and "Password:". There are buttons for "Login", "Register WIN", and "Apply for a WIN". A link for "Forgot your password?" is also present. Below the login section, there is a paragraph explaining that a Wildlife Identification Number (WIN) is required to purchase hunting and sportfishing licences in Alberta. This is followed by a section titled "Online Licensing" which lists several actions users can take on the secure website, such as applying for a WIN, renewing a WIN card, buying sportfishing licences, buying Wildlife Certificates, and buying hunting licences. Another paragraph states that to buy a general or special licence with a tag(s), users must have a prenumbered 10 digit Government of Alberta tag and wire before beginning their online purchase. A note mentions that hunting licences with an Outfitter Guide are not available online. An "Information" section lists what users can do on the website, including viewing draw applications, getting test results, and reprinting lost licences. At the bottom, there is contact information for the RELM Help Desk and a section for "Other Sources" providing links to the Sustainable Resource Development website, the Alberta Guide to Regulations and Hunting Draws booklet, and the My Wild Alberta community website.

Already registered?

Enter your WIN and the password you selected when you registered the first time. Forgot your password? Click on this button to re-register.

Need to Register your WIN

Register your WIN the first time you access your personal information.

1. Enter your WIN (10 digits)
2. Enter the identification number you provided when you applied for your WIN. This would be your driver's licence number, health care number or passport number. This is a security measure to ensure only you can access your personal information.
3. Your WIN and your identification number are used to verify your identity. This will prevent anyone else from logging in and accessing your personal information. Enter a password of your choice and your email address. If you have any problems, contact the RELM Help Desk at 1-888-944-5494.

Apply for your WIN Online!

If you do not have a WIN, you can apply online. Immediately after purchasing your WIN you will be able to purchase your draw application, hunting and/or sportfishing licences online.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions will help you understand this Guide:

Antlered – a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk having an antler exceeding 10.2 cm (4 in.) in length.

Antlerless – a white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk that is not “antlered” (as defined above).

Bait – any substance that consists of a food attractant, including any mineral and any representation of a food attractant.

Big Game Designated Guide – a person designated by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society to commercially guide big game hunters in Alberta. A Designated Guide may guide not more than two Non-resident (Canadian) and non-resident alien big game hunters at a time in any part of Alberta, provided that each Non-resident (Canadian) or Non-resident alien has contracted the hunt through an Outfitter-guide. The two-hunter limit does not include Resident hunters.

Big Game Outfitter-guide – a person who is the holder of a valid Outfitter-guide Permit, and who provides outfitting and guiding services to big game hunters in Alberta.

- **Class S Outfitter-guide** – an Outfitter-guide who holds Non-resident (Canadian)/Non-resident Alien allocations for Trophy Sheep Special Licences. A Class S Outfitter-guide may also hold allocations for other big game special licences.
- **Class T Outfitter-guide** – an Outfitter-guide who holds allocations valid for Non-resident (Canadian) and Non-resident Alien big game special licences other than those for trophy sheep.

Bird Game Designated Guide – a person designated by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society to commercially guide game bird hunters in Alberta.

Bird Game Outfitter-guide – a person who is the holder of a valid Bird Game Outfitter-guide Permit issued by the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society, and who provides outfitting and guiding services to non-resident and non-resident alien game bird hunters in Alberta.

Green Area – forest lands not available for agricultural development other than grazing. In general, the Green Area is public land outside the parkland and prairie regions, or roughly in the northern half of the province and within a strip running along the Rocky Mountains and foothills.

Hunter Host – an adult resident who is the holder of a valid Hunter Host Licence. To

obtain this licence, the adult must hold a valid WIN and be eligible to hold recreational hunting licences. A Hunter Host **may not provide services for gain or reward, or accept a fee for services, directly or indirectly.**

The licence authorizes the holder (**usually a relative or friend of the hunters to be hosted**) to host a maximum of two non-residents (Canadian) or non-resident aliens* named on the host's licence to hunt wolf, coyote and big game throughout the province. * Non-resident alien hunters are referred to Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 23) for additional conditions and restrictions.

Non-resident (Canadian) – a person who is not a Resident (see below), but who makes his or her home and is ordinarily present in Canada, and who has lived in Canada for the 12-month period immediately preceding the relevant date.

Non-resident Alien – a person who is neither a Resident (see below) nor a Non-resident (see above).

OHV (Off-Highway Vehicle) – any motorized vehicle designed for cross-country travel on land, water, snow, ice, marsh or swamp land, or on other natural terrain.

[Exceptions: motor boats, as well as four-wheel-drive vehicles and motorcycles registered in accordance with the *Traffic Safety Act*.] Among OHVs, include the following kinds of vehicles when they are designed for cross-country travel as described above:

- four-wheel drive or low pressure tire vehicles,
- motorcycles and related two-wheel vehicles,
- amphibious machines,
- all-terrain vehicles,
- miniature motor vehicles,
- snow vehicles,
- minibikes, or
- any other means of transportation that is propelled by any power other than muscular power or wind.

Partner Licence – a licence issued to an eligible hunter that allows him or her to hunt a specific species in a specified WMU and season under the direct authority of a Special Licence held by another hunter successful in a draw.

Resident – a person who either

- has his or her only or primary residence in Alberta and
 - 1) is a Canadian citizen or is admitted to permanent residence in Canada, or
 - 2) has lived in Canada for the 12-month period immediately preceding the relevant date; or
- is on full-time service with the Armed Forces of Canada and would, if an election were held under the *Elections Act* (Canada), be eligible to vote in Alberta under that Act.

Special Licence – a licence obtained through a draw process, or for Non-resident and Non-resident Alien hunters, through an Outfitter-guide. It permits hunting of a specific type or class of game only in specific areas during a specified season (page 22).

Weapon – a firearm or any other device that propels a projectile by means of an explosion, spring, air, gas, string, wire or elastic material or any combination of those things.

White Geese – snow and Ross' geese.

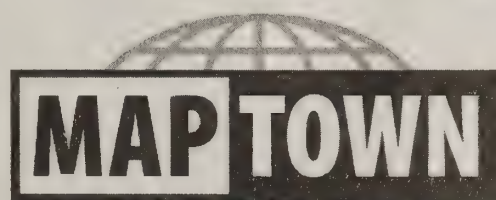
WMU – Wildlife Management Unit, a geographical area prescribed in legislation.

WIN – Wildlife Identification Number, a permanent registration number issued to each hunter and angler.

Month Abbreviations

The following defines the month abbreviations used in this guide:

A – August S – September O – October
N – November D – December
J – January F – February M – March
Ap – April Ma – May Ju – June



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E-mail: srd.infocent@gov.ab.ca

Websites — srd.alberta.ca/fishwildlife/ or go to
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Fish and Wildlife Division Head Office Mailing Address

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Great West Life Building
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Fish and Wildlife Division Local Office Telephone Numbers

For toll-free access within Alberta to most Alberta Government offices, call 310-0000.

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Fairview 780-835-2737
Fort Vermilion (8:15 – noon) 780-927-4488
*Grande Prairie 780-538-5265
*High Level (8:15 – noon) 780-926-2238
High Prairie 780-523-6521
Manning (8:45 – 12:30) 780-836-3065
*Peace River 780-624-6405
Red Earth
(Phone for office hours) 780-649-3853
*Slave Lake 780-849-7123
Spirit River 780-864-4101
Valleyview 780-524-3605

Northeast Region

Athabasca 780-675-2419
Bonnyville (8:15 – noon) 780-826-3142
Cold Lake 780-594-7876
Edmonton 780-427-3574
*Fort McMurray 780-743-7200
*Lac La Biche 780-623-5247
St. Paul 780-645-6313
Smoky Lake (8:15 – noon) 780-656-3556

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Drayton Valley 780-542-6616
*Edson 780-723-8244
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Fox Creek 780-622-3421
Grande Cache 780-827-3356
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Foremost (8:15 – noon) 403-867-3826
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other Thu.) 403-854-5540
Lethbridge 403-381-5266
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Wed.) 780-871-6495
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Oyen (Tue. Wed. every
other Thu.) 403-664-3614
Ponoka (8:15 – noon) 403-783-7093
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8:30 – 4:30, Wed. Thu.) 780-753-2433
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Wed.; 8:15 – noon, Thurs.) 780-632-5410
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Prohibitions

Note: *Convictions for certain offences will result in the suspension of all recreational hunting licences for a period of 1 to 3 years, and may result in a suspension for as long as 5 or more years. This is in addition to the assessment of a fine, an order and/or imprisonment.*

Loaded Firearms — *A firearm in or on a vehicle, aircraft or boat is considered loaded if it has live ammunition in the breech, chamber or magazine, unless cartridges are in a magazine that is not attached to the firearm. See Item 7 below for further information.*

General

It is unlawful to

1.
 - apply on draws or obtain recreational licences in Alberta if your right to obtain hunting licences is suspended elsewhere.
 - carry or use another person's licence or tag or allow another person to use your licence or tag.
2. harass, injure or kill any wildlife with a vehicle, aircraft or boat.
3. hunt any wildlife with or from an aircraft, or communicate, for the purpose of hunting, the signs or whereabouts of wildlife seen during a flight on an aircraft.
4. transport dead wildlife taken by others without an accompanying bill of lading (see page 70) signed by the licence or permit holder and providing the following details:
 - the kind and number of the licence under which the wildlife was killed or possessed,
 - a description of the wildlife,
 - the points of origin and destination, and
 - the date on which the wildlife is to be transported.
5. set out, use or employ any of the following items for the purpose of **hunting any wildlife**:
 - an arrow equipped with an explosive head,
 - a firearm that is capable of firing more than one bullet during one pressure of the trigger or a firearm that can be altered to operate as such,
 - a light,
 - a shotgun of a gauge greater than 10,
 - a device designed to deaden the sound of the report of a firearm,
 - recorded wildlife calls or sounds, or an electronically operated calling device except; 1) when hunting migratory game birds with the use of calls or sounds that mimic snow geese and the hunting does not occur with the use of decoys that mimic migratory game birds other than snow geese, and 2) using electronic calls can be used to hunt crows, magpies, coyote, red fox and wolf (using sounds that mimic these animals or rodents).
 - a pistol or revolver,
 - live wildlife,
 - a swivel set or spring gun, or
 - a poisonous substance or an immobilizing drug.

6. allow the edible meat of any game bird or big game animal, except cougar or bear, to be wasted, destroyed, spoiled or abandoned.

7. have a loaded firearm (live ammunition in breech, chamber or magazine) in or on, or discharge a **weapon** from
 - a boat unless the boat is propelled by muscular power or is at anchor and the person is hunting, or
 - any kind of aircraft or vehicle whether it is moving or stationary.

Note: Ammunition may be carried in a magazine that is not attached to the firearm. Refer to page 20 for contact information regarding federal firearms legislation.

8. discharge a **weapon** within 183 m (200 yards) or cause a projectile from a **weapon** to pass within 183 m (200 yards) of any occupied building. Owners, occupants, or persons authorized by the owner or occupant are excepted, subject to local bylaws.
9. discharge a firearm from or cause a projectile from a firearm to pass along or across:
 - a) a provincial highway,
 - b) a road that is paved, oiled, graded or regularly maintained, unless
 - the road is held under any active disposition under the *Public Lands Act* or under an order under the *Surface Rights Act*, or
 - the person is hunting game birds with a shotgun under the authority of a licence.
10. hunt any wildlife while impaired by alcohol or drugs.
11. hunt any wildlife or **discharge a firearm** between one-half hour after sunset and one-half hour before sunrise. (See sunrise/sunset table on page 52).
12. alter, destroy or remove any sign or notice that has been posted under the authority of the *Wildlife Act*, *Petty Trespass Act* or the *Migratory Birds Regulations*.
13. hunt any wildlife or discharge any firearm on or over occupied land or enter on to such land for the purpose of doing so without the consent of the owner or occupant of the land (page 32).
NOTE: There is an additional requirement affecting access for guide hunts (page 32).
14. possess a firearm of a calibre larger than .22 in a helicopter over WMUs 400-446.
15. hunt with a firearm if you are under **18** years of age and not accompanied by a parent, legal guardian or by a person 18 years of age or older who has the written permission of the parent or legal guardian. See page 20 for Canadian Firearms Centre contact information.
16. disturb traps, sets or trapping cabins.

Big Game

It is unlawful to

1. set out, use or employ any of the following items for the purpose of **hunting big game**:
 - ammunition of less than .23 calibre,
 - ammunition that contains non-expanding bullets,
 - an auto-loading firearm that has the capacity to hold more than cartridges in the magazine,
 - a shotgun having a gauge of .410 or less,
 - a shotgun in a bird sanctuary,
 - bait, except as permitted for the hunting of black bears (page 43),
 - an arrow other than an authorized arrow (page 39),
 - a bow other than an authorized bow (page 39),
 - a muzzle-loading firearm of less than .44 calibre,
 - a rifle or shotgun in WMUs 212, 248 or 410 (persons hunting under the authority of a Strathcona White-tailed Deer Licence, a Foothills Deer Licence, or an Antlerless Moose Special Licence in Strathcona County may hunt with a bow and arrow, cross-bow muzzle loader or shotgun),
 - a trap,
 - a cross-bow and arrow that is not authorized (see page 60).
2. discharge a **weapon** at a big game animal while it is swimming.
3. discharge an arrow from a bow at big game, from, along or across a highway or road specified in Item 9 on page 18.

4. be accompanied by a dog while hunting big game or allow a dog to pursue big game except when hunting cougar under the authority of a Cougar Licence.

5. possess the carcass of a male elk, male antelope or male non-trophy sheep unless the complete skull plate, with horns or antlers intact, is also retained with the carcass until it is delivered to

- the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
- a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

6. possess the carcass of a calf moose taken under authority of a Calf Moose Special Licence unless its head is also retained with the carcass until it is delivered to

- the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
- a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

7. allow the skin of any bear or cougar to be wasted, destroyed, spoiled or abandoned. See exception on page 32.

8. remove the distinctive evidence of sex and species from the carcass of any big game until the carcass is delivered to

- the usual residence of the person who killed it, and the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
- a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or a Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

In the case of grizzly bear and cougar, the evidence of sex must remain attached and be retained until the animal has been registered (page 39).

9. remove the tag from the carcass of a big game animal until authorized (as outlined on page 39).

10. hunt:

- a black bear under the age of one year,
- a female black bear accompanied by a cub under the age of one year,
- a female cougar accompanied by a kitten with spotted fur, or
- a cougar kitten with spotted fur.

11. transport big game hunters, except those requiring medical aid, or big game by helicopter over WMUs 400-446.

12. land or take off in a fixed-wing aircraft that is carrying big game, big game hunters or firearms of a calibre larger than .22 at or from any location in WMUs 400-446 except those locations where aircraft routinely land and take off.

13. hunt big game within 6 hours of having disembarked from an aircraft, except for a jet or turbo-propelled aircraft.

14. hunt big game on Sundays:

- in WMUs 102 – 166,
- in WMUs 400 – 414, except during November,
- in WMU 210 during the deer seasons identified as Wednesday to Saturday only seasons on pages 45 and 46 of this guide.
- in WMUs 624, 728, 730 and 936.

15. be within 50 yards of a vehicle when discharging a weapon at an antelope.

Game Bird

It is unlawful to

1. hunt game birds during an open season for male pheasants within

designated pheasant release sites after 2:00 p.m., except Saturdays.

2. possess, before it has been transported to the usual residence of the person who killed it or is prepared for immediate cooking, a game bird which does not bear evidence of sex and species. Evidence of sex and species consists of one completely feathered wing attached to the carcass of the game bird, except for Merriam's turkey for which evidence of sex and species consists of the complete head and beard attached to the carcass (see page 60 for tagging instructions for Merriam's turkey).

3. hunt a migratory game bird using:

- a firearm loaded with a single bullet
- shot, other than non-toxic shot
- a cross-bow

4. hunt any game bird using:

- a shotgun in which the magazine and chamber combined will hold more than three rounds of ammunition,
- a trap, or
- bait.

Note: see item 12 (below) for additional restrictions for hunting Merriam's turkey.

5. have more than one shotgun, for personal use, at any time while hunting migratory game birds unless each shotgun, in excess of one, is unloaded and disassembled or unloaded and cased.

6. hunt game birds in WMU 410 with other than a bow and arrow or falconry bird.

7. hunt game birds in WMU 212 or 248 with other than a bow and arrow, a cross-bow, shotgun or falconry bird.

8. exceed the daily or possession limit for any game bird (see game bird bag limits on page 62).

9. hunt game birds within 400 m (1/4 mi.) of a baited lure area operated under the Crop Damage Control Program.

10. transport migratory game birds belonging to others unless the carcasses are affixed with a tag showing:

- the signature, name and address of the owner,
- the licence number under which the bird was taken, and
- the date the birds were taken.

11. fail to make every effort possible to immediately retrieve a migratory game bird that a person has killed or wounded. A hunter must have adequate means to retrieve any migratory bird that he or she may kill, cripple or injure.

12. hunt Merriam's turkey using:

- a weapon other than a shotgun, cross-bow or a bow and arrow,
- a shotgun with a bore diameter smaller than 20 gauge, or
- shot size smaller than No. 6 shot or larger than No. 2 shot.

13. remove the tag from a Merriam's turkey until authorized (page 60).

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LICENSING

Licence System

IBM manages the sale of all recreational hunting and fishing licences in Alberta. Licences are sold through private licence issuers (e.g., sporting goods stores, convenience stores and gas stations) in communities throughout Alberta. Licences can be purchased online at albertarelm.com. See page 14 for details. Licences are not sold at Fish and Wildlife Division offices.

The automated system integrates all recreational licensing services, providing better service to hunters, anglers and licence issuers. The system provides the Fish and Wildlife Division with important, up-to-date information about the hunters and anglers in the province.

To locate a licence issuer in your area of Alberta, contact the RELM (Recreational Licensing Management) Call Centre, toll-free in North America, at 1-888-944-5494, or go to the Hunting in Alberta website (www.MyWildAlberta.com).

Wildlife Identification Number (WIN)

Hunters and anglers in Alberta must possess a 10-digit Wildlife Identification Number (WIN) before applying for or purchasing any licence or wildlife certificate. The WIN can be purchased for \$8.00 and is valid for five years. Once your WIN expires you can renew it at any licence issuer or online at albertarelm.com for \$8.00 for another five years.

If you are purchasing a WIN for the first time you can purchase one online at albertarelm.com or at a licence issuer. The licence issuer gives you a paper receipt (which includes your new number) allowing you to purchase licences immediately. Your plastic card will be mailed to you within a few weeks.

If you have any questions about the WIN or the licensing system, please contact the RELM Call Centre, toll-free in North America, at 1-888-944-5494.

What is required to be eligible to hunt in Alberta?

Hunters in Alberta should be aware of federal regulations pertaining to possession and use of firearms (see Federal Firearms Legislation at the top of

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Change of Address

All hunters should ensure their address and telephone number on their licence is correct. To update your address, go online at albertarelm.com or call (toll-free in North America) 1-888-944-5494, or fill out a WIN Application form at your local licence issuer.

this page), and provincial regulations pertaining to licensing of hunters. There are regulations that pertain to first-time hunters, youths, residents, non-residents and non-resident aliens.

All hunters must have a Wildlife Identification Number (WIN) as a prerequisite to applying for, or purchasing any hunting licence but some additional requirements must be met for the WIN-holder to be eligible to purchase hunting licences.

A person must possess a valid Wildlife Certificate and the applicable hunting licence in order to hunt big game or game birds. The hunter must carry the licence and applicable tag(s) on his or her person while hunting. A person applying for a draw is not required to possess a Wildlife Certificate but must purchase one before purchasing any hunting licence.

Licensing requirements for first-time hunters

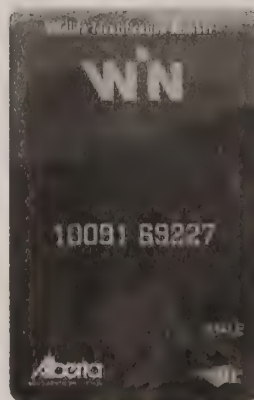
A first-time hunter is a hunter who 1) has not previously held a hunting licence in Alberta or elsewhere, or 2) has not passed a hunter competency test in Alberta or elsewhere, or 3) has not successfully completed a hunter education course in Alberta or elsewhere.

Non-resident and non-resident alien hunters (12 years of age or older) are exempt from the first-time hunter eligibility requirement if they are accompanied by a Hunter Host or a Designated Guide while hunting in Alberta.

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Services provided by **IBM**

Adult first-time hunters who have not previously held a hunting licence in Alberta or elsewhere, have an option of completing the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course, or passing the Alberta Hunter Competency exam.

Youth first-time hunters (12 to 17 years of age) have two options, depending on age. First-time hunters **under 14 years of age** must complete the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course. Those **14 to 17 years of age** have the option of completing the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course or successfully completing the Alberta Hunter Competency exam. A youth must be **at least 12 years old** to hunt under the authority of any hunting licence in Alberta. All hunters **under the age of 16 years** must have written permission from a parent or guardian to purchase hunting licences. Hunters who are **11 years old** may apply in the draws for licences if they meet the above criteria but they must be 12 years old anytime before or during the open season for that draw. They may not hunt until they are **12 years old**. **Note: As of 2007, hunters who are 12 or 13 years of age are no longer restricted to hunting big game with only a bow and arrow.** To hunt with a firearm, hunters **under 18 years of age** must be accompanied by a parent, a legal guardian or by a person 18 years of age or older who has the written permission of the parent or legal guardian.

Notice: After 2009, the Alberta Hunter Competency Exam will be discontinued. Subject to any exceptions noted in this guide, those who meet first-time hunter competency in 2010 must successfully complete the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course.

If you are interested in taking the Alberta Conservation and Hunter Education course, call the Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association toll-free in Alberta at 1-866-852-4342, Edmonton 780-466-6682, or Calgary 403-252-8474.

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What you need to know about

Accessing Agricultural Leased Land or Grazing Reserves

Before entering onto leased land, you must contact the leaseholder.

It is your responsibility to know whether the land you are entering onto is publicly or privately owned. Detailed maps, leaseholder contact information, and access conditions for leased land are available on the Alberta Sustainable Resource Development website srd.alberta.ca or by calling 1-866-279-0023.

With penalties for recreational users ranging from \$150-\$500, failing to follow these guidelines can be costly.

Leaseholders must allow foot access. Access may be denied if:

- You are not on foot
- Livestock are present in a fenced pasture
- A crop has not yet been harvested
- A fire ban is in effect
- You wish to hunt in an area near livestock
- You wish to camp

When on agricultural public land, please be courteous and remember to:

- Pack out all litter
- Park vehicles so they do not block access to the land
- Ask permission before lighting a fire
- Leave gates as you find them — open or closed
- Use care not to damage the land or any property

Access to Provincial Grazing Reserves

The primary purpose of provincial grazing reserves is to provide summer livestock grazing. Recreationists are welcome on grazing reserves but are reminded that use of these areas may be restricted during certain times of year. For information about seasonal or other restrictions on provincial grazing reserves, contact the regional grazing office in the area you wish to visit:

When visiting grazing reserves, please note:

- All motorized vehicles are required to stay on roads or trails
- Gates must be left as they are found
- Organized recreational groups require a letter of authority from the regional grazing reserve office to use grazing reserves
- Camping is prohibited unless authorized by the regional grazing reserve office

For more information on accessing provincial grazing reserves, visit srd.alberta.ca

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Resident Youth Hunting Licences

Subject to the age limitations and conditions above, a resident 12 to 17 years of age may purchase a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate, including a Game Bird Licence, for \$8.30. The holder of a valid Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate who has not yet attained the age of 18 years may also purchase a Youth White-tailed Deer Licence and a Youth Mule Deer Licence, each for \$8.25. **These licences are valid during the seasons that do not require one of the Special Licences obtained through a draw.** This person may also purchase an Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence (available through a draw, see Draws for Special Licences, below) for \$8.00. Partner Licences are also available to resident youths if designated by the holder of any special licence. See this page.

Where Your Money Goes

A portion of the price of each **hunting licence** is a levy established by the Alberta Conservation Association to help finance wildlife rehabilitation programs, the enhancement of other wildlife management programs and the Report A Poacher Program. Another portion goes to General Revenue and the remainder is a transaction fee that goes to IBM to finance the administration of the licensing system. This system collects valuable information about the use of our wildlife resource. The government uses this data for setting season dates, licence quotas and other regulations. For complete information on fee break down, contact Licensing, Revenue and Resource Data Management at (780) 427-5185.

Mobility-impaired Hunters

Eligible individuals may obtain a special permit or licence relating to off-highway vehicle (OHV) use, discharging a weapon from an OHV and bow and arrow equipment. Contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 16) for more information.

Mandatory Hunter Testing

A person whose right to hold a recreational hunting licence has been suspended in Alberta as a result of a conviction is required to pass a hunter-competency test before obtaining another recreational hunting licence. This test, which differs from the test given to first-time hunters, must be taken after the beginning of the suspension period. Mandatory hunter testing is intended to increase outdoor safety, awareness, skills and efficiency and to develop responsible attitudes in the field. Dates and times for testing are available at Fish and Wildlife Division offices (page 16).

Draws for Special Licences

When demand for hunting opportunities becomes excessive, season length and bag limits are often insufficient to conserve a game resource or to ensure a quality hunting experience. In such cases, the Fish and Wildlife Division conducts lotteries or draws among eligible applicants for a limited number of special licences. Special licences allow successful applicants to hunt a specific type of game (e.g., antlerless elk) in defined areas during a specified season.

Only residents and, to a lesser extent, non-residents (Canadian) are eligible to apply in these draws. A non-refundable \$3.65 (plus GST) levy is charged for each application or group of applicants (maximum of four) for the same draw. This levy goes to the Alberta Conservation Association for programs. Although draws are used for specific wildlife management purposes (e.g., the goal in antlered mule deer draw areas is to develop a more balanced age structure in the herd by controlling the kill of bucks), other benefits include improved hunter success, increased opportunity to harvest a trophy animal, a more pleasant hunting experience with lower hunter densities, reduced disturbance of landowners, and a better distribution of the harvest.

Draw Application Deadline Dates — Hunters interested in special licence hunts for fall 2009 must have applied by June 25. Refer to the *2009 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for more information on this draw.

Hunters interested in the draw seasons for 2010 should obtain the *2010*

Alberta Hunting Draws booklet and apply during the month of June 2010. The booklet is mailed to draw applicants from the previous two years. For hunters who do not receive a copy in the mail, copies are available at licence issuers, your local Fish and Wildlife Division office or online at mywildalberta.com or albertaregulations.ca.

Draw Results — Written notification of your draw results are sent in the mail. Beginning July 14, you may call **1-900-451-DRAW** (\$0.75 for each minute) to determine your success in the draws. All you need is a touch-tone telephone and your WIN, or you can view online at albertarelm.com. Results for antelope and goat draws are available August 11.

For information on the Draws for Special Licences, call 1-877-289-0999, toll-free.

Landowner Special Licence

A person who qualifies may be eligible to obtain a special licence after having been unsuccessful in some draws. Availability of Landowner Special Licences may be limited or not available at all for some species in certain WMUs. Those available will be issued to eligible persons on a first-come, first-served basis. For details on eligibility and the application process, please consult the *2009 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet.

Partner Licence

The following Partner Licences are available:

1. A resident holder of an **Antlerless Moose** Special Licence has the option of designating one eligible resident hunter (adult or youth) to be a partner on the Special Licence, thereby allowing the designated hunter to obtain a Special Antlerless Moose Partner Licence.
2. A resident holder of an **Antlered Moose** Special Licence has the option of designating one eligible hunter, either a resident (adult or youth) or a non-resident (Canadian) (adult or youth), to be a partner on the Special Licence, thereby allowing the designated hunter to obtain a Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence. To qualify for a Partner Licence in a particular WMU, the non-resident (Canadian) must have been eligible to apply for the Special Licence in that WMU.
A non-resident (Canadian) holder of an Antlered Moose Special Licence obtained through the draw process has the option of designating one eligible resident (adult or youth) hunter to be a partner on the Special Licence, thereby allowing the designated hunter to obtain a Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence.
3. Resident hunters successful in drawing a Special Licence in any of the other Draws may designate one eligible resident youth (12 to 17 years of age) to be a partner on their Special Licence.

Rules for all Partners — A designated partner does not need any priority to qualify for a partner licence, does not need to have applied on the draw, and the purchase of the partner licence will not affect any existing priority of the partner. The intended partner must be eligible to hold a hunting licence. Refer to pages 24-27 regarding licence combinations and restrictions. The primary licensee may designate a partner at any time until the end of the season for which the Special Licence is valid. The designated partner hunts under the authority of the special licence and must be in direct communication (not including the use of any electronic devices) with the



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primary special licence holder while hunting to ensure that both stop hunting once the tag(s) are filled. The two hunters hunt as one. The primary licensee must carry the tag(s) issued with the special licence and must tag the animal as soon as there is a kill. The primary licensee may hunt without the partner, but not vice versa.

To Designate a Partner – The Partner Licence is available at any licence issuer. The intended partner must provide the licence issuer with the number of the Special Licence held by the primary hunter along with his or her own WIN. The Special Licence number authorizes the licensing system to issue a partner licence that is linked to the Special Licence. The intended partner may then purchase a Wildlife Certificate and the appropriate Partner Licence. If the intended partner is a non-resident, he/she must be accompanied by a licensed Hunter Host while hunting. The Partner Licence is valid for the same WMU and season as the Special Licence. No tag is issued with the Partner Licence.

Outfitting and Guiding Requirements for Non-residents (Canadian) and Non-resident Aliens

(see Definitions on page 15).

There is no requirement for non-resident (Canadian) and non-resident alien game bird hunters to contract their **game bird** hunts through a Bird Game Outfitter-guide. However, those who do choose to hire an outfitter-guide for such a hunt must do so through the holder of a valid Bird Game Outfitter-guide Permit.

In this section, the term "accompany" or "accompanied" means that the persons involved are close enough to each other to easily facilitate verbal communications without the need for electronic devices. **It is acceptable, however, for the hunter to be placed in a stand location by the guide or hunter host, if they remain at that same location to be picked up later the same day.**

Non-resident (Canadian) and Non-resident Alien hunters of **big game, wolf and coyote must be accompanied by a licensed guide or a Hunter Host**. Each of these hunters has two options:

- 1) he or she may contract the holder of a valid Big Game Outfitter-guide Permit, be guided by a Big Game Designated Guide, and hunt under the authority of a licence allocated to an outfitter-guide (for information on outfitter-guides, contact the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society at apos.ab.ca), **OR**
- 2) he or she may be hosted by a Hunter Host (see this page) – usually a relative or friend – and hunt according to the following restrictions and conditions:
 - Non-resident Aliens may hunt with any Hunter Host only if they have not done so in the previous two (2) fiscal years (April 1 - March 31).
 - Non-residents (Canadian) and Non-resident Aliens are limited to certain licences as indicated in the Licence Availability sections on pages 26 to 27.
 - Non-resident Aliens hosted by Hunter Hosts may hunt big game only during seasons that do not require one of the special licences, obtained through a draw, indicated by a ■ in the season tables on pages 44 to 57 or listed under Additional Special Licence Draw Hunts on page 59.
 - A Non-resident Alien and his or her intended Hunter Host must apply at a Fish and Wildlife Division office for their licences and make a statutory declaration that he or she understands the terms and conditions of the licences (see Hunter Host Licence on this page).
 - A Non-resident Alien must not hunt bighorn sheep, cougar or trophy antelope while accompanied by a Hunter Host.
 - **Further Restrictions for Non-resident Aliens Who are Not Relatives of the Hunter Host or the Hunter Host's Spouse**

- ▶▶ Relatives are defined as father, brother, son, uncle, nephew, grandfather, grandson, son-in-law, brother-in-law (and female equivalents) of the Hunter Host or spouse of the Hunter Host.
- ▶▶ The Non-resident Alien and intended Hunter Host, if not related, must initiate an application at a Fish and Wildlife Division office for their licences, described above, by **August 31** of the licence year, or by the following **February 26** for the spring black bear hunt.
- ▶▶ The Non-resident Alien may apply to hunt only two (2) species of big game.

A Hunter Host

- Must be an adult resident, and be eligible to hold recreational hunting licences.
- Must be the holder of a valid WIN and Hunter Host Licence (below).
- **may not provide services for gain or reward, or accept remuneration, directly or indirectly, for such services.**
- may host a maximum of two (2) hunters/year, either Non-residents (Canadian), Non-resident Aliens or a combination thereof. If hosting 2 Non-resident Aliens, at least 1 must be a relative.
- may host Non-resident Aliens only if the host has not hosted a Non-resident Alien in the previous two (2) fiscal years (April 1 to March 31).
- must report to the Fish and Wildlife Division by December 31 in the year of harvest, all hunting activities by the Non-resident Aliens he or she hosted.
- must accompany the hunter(s) named on his or her Hunter Host Licence while they are hunting big game under the authority of the Hunter Host Licence.

Hunter Host Licence

A resident who wishes to be a Hunter Host may purchase a Hunter Host Licence at any private licence issuer. You must have the WIN(s) of the non-resident(s) at the time of purchase. You **must** ensure that the hunters you host are named on your Hunter Host Licence. If you purchase your Hunter Host Licence naming one hunter and you decide to add a second hunter to your licence at a later date, you can do so at no additional charge. Return to a private licence issuer with your licence and have it amended. Once you have purchased your Hunter Host Licence, the hunters may purchase their licences.

A Hunter Host who plans to take a **non-resident alien** hunting must do the following:

1. Go to a Fish and Wildlife Division office (see page 16) in person and initiate an application (including statutory declaration). Sign it and have your signature sworn. If the Non-resident Alien is not a relative, you must start this process by August 31 or February 28 as described above.
2. Have the Non-resident Alien sign the application and have his or her signature sworn. (If the Non-resident Alien does not have a WIN, have him fill out a WIN application at the same time.)
3. Take the completed application to a Fish and Wildlife Division office. The application will be reviewed for final approval and keyed into the automated licensing system.
4. When you are notified that your application is approved, go to any private licence issuer and purchase your Hunter Host Licence (see above) and the appropriate Wildlife Certificate and licences.

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Resident Licence Costs and Combinations

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NOTE: The 5% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 20) and a Wildlife Certificate which costs \$28.22 (or \$8.30 for a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate, page 22). Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit (not required for hunting with a cross-bow).

Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
White-tailed Deer	36.95	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 2 licences.	A Resident Adult or Youth may obtain 4 different licences from this list of 25, but not more than 1 licence from this list for any one species.
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence	36.65		
Youth White-tailed Deer ⁶	8.25	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of the last 3 licences.	
Special Antlered White-tailed Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Mule Deer	36.95	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 2 licences.	
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence	36.65		
Youth Mule Deer ⁶	8.25	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of the last 3 licences.	
Special Antlered Mule Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Elk	34.95	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 6 licences.	
WMU 300 Elk Special Licence	34.65		
Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence	34.65	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 10 licences.	
Cypress Hills Elk Archery ¹	34.65		
Antlerless Elk Special Licence	34.65		
Antlered Elk Special Licence	34.65		
Special WMU 300 Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Special Cypress Hills Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Special Antlerless Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Special Antlered Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Moose	36.95	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 6 licences.	
Antlerless Moose Special Licence	36.65		
Antlered Moose Special Licence	36.85	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 7 licences.	
Calf Moose Special Licence	36.65		
Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence	12.00		
Special Antlerless Moose Partner Licence	12.00		
Special Calf Moose Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Trophy Sheep	51.31	A Resident who killed a sheep, except a legal non-trophy sheep, in 2008 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Licence in 2009.	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 6 licences.
WMU 408 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	51.31		
WMU 410 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	51.31		A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 11 licences.
WMU 437 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	51.31		
WMU 438 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	51.31		
WMU 444/446 Trophy Sheep Special Licence	51.31		
Special WMU 408 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Special WMU 410 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Special WMU 437 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Special WMU 438 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Special WMU 444/446 Trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		

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Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence	27.40	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	A Resident Adult may obtain 1 of each of these 16 licences (excluding the Youth licences).
Special Non-trophy Sheep Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Licence	18.70	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	A Resident Youth may obtain 16 different licences from this list of 23, but not more than 1 licence from this list for any one species.
Special Antlerless White-tailed Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer ²	19.15		
Strathcona White-tailed Deer	18.70		
Foothills Deer ³	18.70		
Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence (issued to a youth)	21.20 (8.00)	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Antlerless Mule Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Supplemental Antlerless Mule Deer ⁷	19.00		
Antlerless Deer (WMUs 212 & 248)	10.70		
Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence	37.99	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Camp Wainwright Deer Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Archery	18.95		
WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Special Licence	34.65	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Black Bear	15.65		
Supplemental Black Bear ⁴	15.45		
Cougar	51.31		
Goat Special Licence ⁵	51.11	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Goat Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Bison Special Licence	50.00	A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Special Bison Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Antelope Archery Special Licence	51.31	None	A Resident Adult may obtain only 1 of the first 3 licences.
Non-trophy Antelope Special Licence	19.35		
Trophy Antelope Special Licence	51.31		A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 6 licences.
Special Antelope Archery Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Special Non-trophy Antelope Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Special Trophy Antelope Partner Licence (Youth)	12.00		
Bowhunting Permit (not required for cross-bows)	9.20	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Hunter Host Licence	27.00		
WIN Renewal	8.00		
Licence Reprint ⁸	2.00		
Tag Reprint ⁹	4.00		
Replacement WIN Card	4.00		

¹ This licence is not valid during the Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence season for rifles.

² This licence will be issued with two tags and is only valid in the following WMUs: 150, 151, 162, 163, 200-208, 214-246, 250-260, 310-314, 322-326, 330-357, 360, 436-446, 500-514, 516-531, 534-544.

³ When hunting under the authority of this licence, valid in WMU 212 only, hunters must carry written permission to hunt from a landowner involved.

⁴ This licence is only valid in the following WMUs where 2 black bear licences may be used: 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841.

⁵ As of 2002, drawn applicants cannot reapply in future years (once-in-a-lifetime opportunity).

⁶ These licences are valid during the seasons that do not require one of the special licences obtained through a draw.

Special Licences (listed above) are available only through draws which occurred in June of this year.

Please refer to the 2010 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet in June 2010 for information on how to apply in these draws next year.

- 7 This licence will be issued with 2 tags. It is valid in WMUs 200, 234, 236, 256 and 500.
- 8 Licences purchased at a licence issuer can be reprinted at any licence issuer for a \$2.00 fee. Licences purchased online can be reprinted online at no charge.
- 9 Tags issued by a licence issuer can be reprinted at any licence issuer for a \$4.00 fee. A replacement tag(s) for a licence purchased online can be replaced at no charge. You are required to bring your licence to a district office. In both cases you must complete a statutory declaration to authorize the replacement at a Fish and Wildlife District office (See page 16).

Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Availability

All Non-resident hunters of big game, wolf or coyote require a Big Game Designated Guide or a Hunter Host. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements on page 23.

Non-residents who hunt with a Hunter Host may obtain White-tailed Deer, Antlered Mule Deer, Antlered Moose, Antlered Elk, Black Bear, Supplemental Black Bear, Cougar, and Wolf/Coyote Licences (see table below) from private licence issuers. Some special licences may be obtained through the draw system that will be described in the *2009 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet available in June 2009.

Non-residents contracting a hunt with a Big Game Outfitter-guide may obtain Special Licences by using an allocation, available from their outfitter-guide. Wolf/Coyote licences can be purchased without an allocation. Non-residents using the services of an outfitter-guide must be guided by a Big Game Designated Guide.

Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Costs and Combinations

NOTE: The 5% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 20) and a Wildlife Certificate, which costs \$28.22. Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit (not required for hunting with a cross-bow).

All **special** licences shown in the following table are available through a Big Game Outfitter-guide. Some are also available through the draw system.

Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
White-tailed Deer	122.33	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	A Non-resident may obtain 4 different licences from this list of 9, but not more than 1 licence for any one species.
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence ¹	122.33		
Antlered Mule Deer	122.33	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence ¹	122.33		
Antlered Elk	135.31	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.	
Antlered Elk Special Licence ¹	135.31		
Antlered Moose	135.31	A Non-resident may obtain only 1 of these 3 licences.	
Antlered Moose Special Licence ¹	135.31		
Special Antlered Moose Partner Licence	44.00		
Trophy Sheep Special Licence ^{1,2}	317.82	A Non-resident who killed a sheep in 2008 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Special Licence in 2009.	A Non-resident may obtain 1 of each licence from this list of 3.
Wolf/Coyote	12.40	See page 59 for dates and restrictions.	
Trophy Antelope Special Licence ³	182.45	None	
Black Bear Licence	63.61	A Non-resident accompanied by a Hunter Host may obtain both of these licences.	A Non-resident may obtain 1 of each licence from this list of 2. However, Non-residents purchasing 1 of these two licences may not purchase a Black Bear Special Licence.
Supplemental Black Bear Licence ⁴	63.61		
Black Bear Special Licence ⁵	63.61	Non-residents must purchase this licence through an outfitter-guide.	Non-residents purchasing this licence may not purchase a Black Bear Licence or a Supplemental Black Bear Licence.
Cougar	135.31	Non-residents hunting with a Hunter Host.	1 licence only from this list of 2.
Cougar Special Licence	135.31	Non-residents must purchase this licence through an outfitter-guide.	
Bowhunting Permit (not required for cross-bows)	16.45	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
WIN Renewal	8.00		
Licence Reprint ⁶	2.00		
Tag Reprint ⁷	4.00		
Replacement WIN card	4.00		
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- 1 These licences are available through the draw system or through an outfitter-guide. Please refer to the sections that deal with Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Availability (page 26) and Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 23).
- 2 Non-resident Trophy Sheep Special Licences are available through Class S Outfitter-guides or through a draw. Only 2 licences are available through a draw, and each hunter successful in the draw must be accompanied by a Hunter Host.
- 3 Non-resident Trophy Antelope Special Licences are available through an outfitter-guide or through a draw. Please refer to the sections that deal with Non-resident (Canadian) Licence Availability (page 26) and Outfitting and Guiding Requirements (page 23).
- 4 This licence is valid only in the following WMUs where 2 black bear licences may be used: 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841. Please see page 43 for more information.
- 5 These licences are valid for 2 black bears if the Outfitter-Guide's allocation is valid for a WMU where the Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid (i.e., 2-bear areas).
- 6 Licences purchased at a licence issuer can be reprinted at any licence issuer for a \$2.00 fee. Licences purchased online can be reprinted online at no charge.
- 7 Tags issued by a licence issuer can be reprinted at any licence issuer for a \$4.00 fee. A replacement tag(s) for a licence purchased online can be replaced at no charge. You are required to bring your licence to a district office. In both cases you must complete a statutory declaration to authorize the replacement at a Fish and Wildlife District office (See page 16).

Non-resident Alien Licence Availability

All Non-resident Alien hunters of big game, wolf or coyote require either a Big Game Designated Guide or a Hunter Host. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements on page 23.

Non-resident Aliens who hunt with a Hunter Host may obtain Antlered White-tailed Deer, Antlered Mule Deer, Antlered Moose, Antlered Elk, Black Bear Special Licences and Wolf/Coyote Licences (see table below) from licence issuers. See Outfitting and Guiding Requirements on page 23 for a summary of the circumstances under which these licences may be used and the limitations that apply.

Non-resident Aliens contracting a hunt with a Big Game Outfitter-guide must obtain Special Licences by using an allocation, available from their outfitter-guide. Wolf/Coyote licences can be purchased without an allocation. Non-resident Aliens using the services of an outfitter-guide must be guided by a Big Game Designated Guide.

Non-resident Alien Licence Costs and Combinations

NOTE: The 5% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 20) and a Wildlife Certificate, which costs \$28.22. Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit (not required for hunting with a cross-bow).

Licence	Price (\$)	Restrictions Applying to the Species	Maximum Licences Allowed Per Hunter
Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence	188.57 ¹	None	A Non-resident Alien may obtain 1 of each licence from this list of 9.
Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence	188.57 ¹		
Antlered Elk Special Licence	254.97 ¹		
Antlered Moose Special Licence	254.97 ¹		
Black Bear Special Licence ²	79.62 ¹		
Trophy Sheep Special Licence ³	317.82 ¹	A Non-resident Alien who killed a sheep in 2008 may not purchase a Trophy Sheep Special Licence in 2009.	
Cougar Special Licence ³	254.97 ¹	None	
Wolf/Coyote Licence	12.40 ¹	See page 59 for wolf and coyote season dates and restrictions.	
Trophy Antelope Special Licence ³	229.47 ¹	None	
Bowhunting Permit (not required for cross-bows)	23.20	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
WIN Renewal	8.00		
Licence Reprint ⁴	2.00		
Tag Reprint ⁵	4.00		

- 1 If purchased through an outfitter-guide, or the Alberta Professional Outfitter Society, an additional service fee is charged.
- 2 This licence is valid for 2 black bears where the Resident and Non-resident (Canadian) Supplemental Black Bear Licences are valid (2-bear areas).
- 3 Trophy Sheep, Cougar and Trophy Antelope Special Licences are available to Non-resident Aliens only through an outfitter-guide.
- 4 Licences purchased at a licence issuer can be reprinted at any licence issuer for a \$2.00 fee. Licences purchased online can be reprinted online at no charge.
- 5 Tags issued by a licence issuer can be reprinted at any licence issuer for a \$4.00 fee. A replacement tag(s) for a licence purchased online can be replaced at no charge. You are required to bring your licence to a district office. In both cases you must complete a statutory declaration to authorize the replacement at a Fish and Wildlife District office (See page 16).

GAME BIRD LICENCES

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Resident game bird hunters require a WIN card and a Wildlife Certificate and:

- a Game Bird Licence to hunt grouse, partridge and ptarmigan;
- a Game Bird Licence and a Pheasant Licence to hunt pheasant;
- a Game Bird Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt waterfowl;
- a Merriam's Turkey Special Licence and a Game Bird Licence to hunt Merriam's turkey.

(NOTE: Merriam's Turkey Special Licences are available only through a draw. See page 60 for more information.)

Non-resident (Canadian) game bird hunters require a WIN card and a Wildlife Certificate and:

- either a Game Bird Licence or a 3-Day Game Bird Licence to hunt grouse, partridge and ptarmigan;
- either a Game Bird Licence or a 3-Day Game Bird Licence, and a Pheasant Licence to hunt pheasant;
- either a Game Bird Licence or a 3-Day Game Bird Licence, and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt waterfowl.

Non-resident Alien game bird hunters require a WIN card and a Wildlife Certificate and:

- an Upland Game Bird Licence to hunt grouse, partridge and ptarmigan;
- an Upland Game Bird and Pheasant Licence to hunt pheasant;
- a 6-Day Waterfowl Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt waterfowl.

NOTE: The 5% federal Goods and Services Tax (GST) is not included in the costs listed below.

Prior to purchasing any licence, each hunter must possess a valid WIN (see page 20) and a Wildlife Certificate. The Wildlife Certificate costs \$28.22 (or \$8.30 for a Resident Youth Wildlife Certificate, page 22). Hunters wishing to hunt with a bow and arrow (but not a cross-bow) must also purchase a Bowhunting Permit.

Licence Costs

Game Bird Licence	Price (\$)		
	Resident	Non-resident (Canadian)	Non-resident Alien
Game Bird	10.80	31.96	Not Applicable
Upland Game Bird	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	78.50
6-Day Waterfowl ¹	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	78.50
3-Day Game Bird ⁴	Not Applicable	22.45	Not Applicable
Pheasant	15.38	22.62	22.62
Merriam's Turkey Special Licence ^{1,2}	25.81	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Special Merriam's Turkey Partner Licence (Youth) ¹	12.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Bowhunting Permit	9.20	16.45	23.20
WIN Renewal	8.00	8.00	8.00
Licence Reprint ⁵	2.00	2.00	2.00
Tag Reprint ⁶	4.00	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit ³	17.00	17.00	17.00

¹ A Resident Youth may obtain only 1 of these 2 licences.

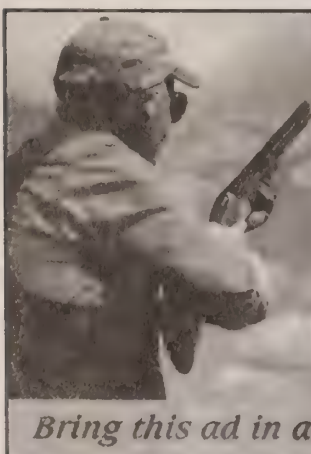
² Available only through a draw, page 60.

³ Available at Post Offices and certain private licence issuers. See *MyWildAlberta.com*.

⁴ A hunter may purchase more than 1 of these licences.

⁵ Licences purchased at a licence issuer can be reprinted at any licence issuer for a \$2.00 fee. Licences purchased online can be reprinted online at no charge.

⁶ Tags issued by a licence issuer can be reprinted at any licence issuer for a \$4.00 fee. A replacement tag(s) for a licence purchased online can be replaced at no charge. You are required to bring your licence to a district office. In both cases you must complete a statutory declaration to authorize the replacement at a Fish and Wildlife District office (See page 16).



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Chronic Wasting Disease Management in Alberta

Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) is a fatal neurological disease that occurs in mule deer and white-tailed deer in limited areas of eastern Alberta. The disease is associated with protein changes in the brain and infected individuals experience weight loss, behavioural changes, and premature death. While it is difficult to document the direct effects of CWD, recent data from infected populations indicate a shift towards younger deer, lower productivity, and fewer adult males. Theoretical models indicate the disease has a significant effect on long-term survival of local populations.

Since 2005, Alberta has detected 61 cases of CWD in wild deer along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border in seven Wildlife Management Units (WMUs): WMUs 150, 151, 163, 234, 236, 256, and 728 (see map).

To date, Alberta has been successful at finding and removing infected deer. Of the 61 cases documented in Alberta, 1 was emaciated, 19 were collected by hunters, and 41 were collected during winter disease control programs. Efforts to date have limited the extent of CWD incursion along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border. The disease is not yet well established and the prevalence of CWD even in our eastern deer populations remains low.

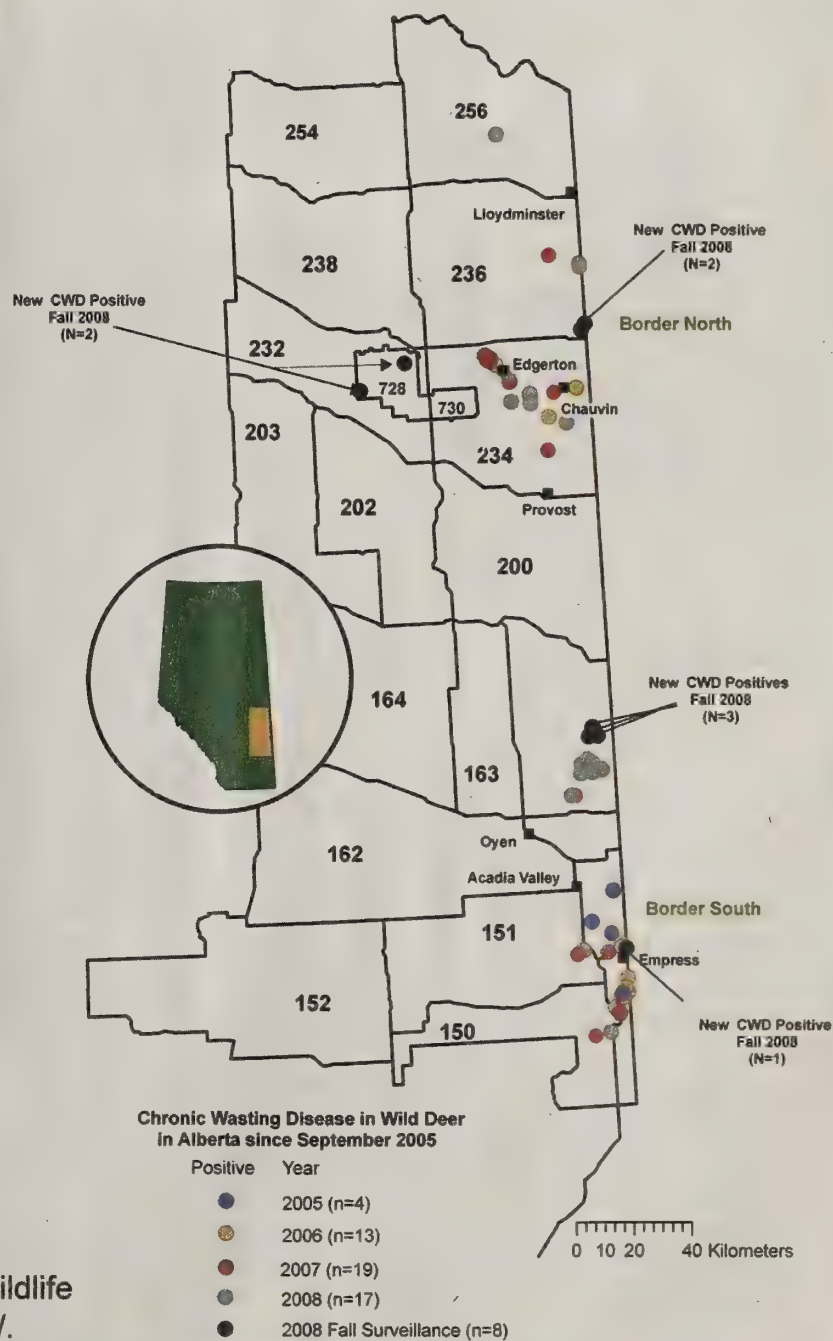
The public, and hunters and outfitters in particular, play a vital role in CWD management. Deer heads submitted for testing and reports of emaciated deer help define the area where the disease occurs. Hunters who take advantage of increased hunting opportunities to remove deer from CWD risk areas contribute to fewer deer on the landscape and less opportunity for disease transmission. Landowners also are key to successful deer herd reduction by allowing access for recreational hunting and by harvesting deer on their own lands. The cooperation and assistance of all stakeholders and interested parties is important and greatly appreciated.

All heads submitted for CWD testing must have a green CWD label attached and must contain all the requested information about the deer and the hunter. In addition, the precise location of each kill is required, either GPS or Sec/Twp/Rge/Mer, in addition to WMU. CWD labels are available from any Fish and Wildlife office and from the 24-hr freezers during fall hunting seasons. Fill out both sides of the label and be sure to include the kill location as well as your WIN number. As in previous years, CWD results will be reported to each hunter by letter and online at www.albertarelm.com/wc.user.Login.page.

The current programs are aimed at maximizing disease surveillance and the role of recreational hunters. It is important to document where the disease currently occurs and where it spreads in future years.

Hunting opportunities all along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border are greatly expanded for the 2009 hunting seasons. For example, hunters can harvest up to five deer each on general licences. For more information on the hunting opportunities check the appropriate pages of this guide for details regarding the border WMUs.

For more information about CWD contact your local Fish and Wildlife Office or visit: www.srd.gov.ab.ca/fishwildlife/livingwith/diseases/.



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Alberta Export Permit

All big game, game birds, and furbearing animals require a provincial export permit (**\$20.00**) when they are to be conveyed beyond the borders of Alberta, except under the following conditions:

- Hunters who lawfully harvest game birds, coyotes, white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose, elk, pronghorn antelope or black bear* under the authority of a hunting licence or a right that is protected under Canadian Constitution, may export those species without an Alberta export permit if
 - in the case of upland game birds, the bird has been processed as a mounted specimen, or
 - the export occurs within 30 days of the date the animal was killed or within 5 days of the close of the season, whichever occurs first, and
 - the shipment is accompanied by the hunter who killed the animal, and
 - the appropriate licence is carried by the hunter who killed the animal being exported.
- * Alberta prohibits the export of gall bladder and paws of black bear. You may export red meat, hide with claws attached, head or skull with teeth attached, but no other parts. See CITES Export Permit at right.
- Coyote that have been lawfully hunted by residents do not require a provincial export permit.

Note: United States migratory bird hunting regulations state that it is unlawful for a person to import into the United States migratory game birds belonging to another person. Evidence of sex and species must remain attached to the bird until the final U.S. destination is reached.

For further information on the export of wildlife contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 16).

Commercial Export of Wildlife to the US.

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (US FWS) regulates commercial shipments of wildlife that enter or leave the U.S. In particular, taxidermists and outfitter-guides may experience difficulties transporting wildlife to the U.S. unless such businesses are licenced with the US FWS

for transporting commercial shipments of wildlife across the U.S. border.

For more information, contact the US FWS at 1-800-344-9453 or view information at: http://www.fws.gov/le/ImpExp/Info_Importers_Exporters.htm

CITES Export Permit - for more information (1-800-668-6767)

Persons exporting cougar, grizzly bear or wolf to points outside Canada must obtain a federal export permit issued in accordance with the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES). In addition, provincial export permits must be obtained for exporting these species, except for tanned wolf skin. All black bear require CITES export permits, except for those exported by United States hunters as noted on this page. Black bears do not require the provincial export permit if they are exported as described in the Alberta Export Permit section.

U.S. Black Bear Hunters – A CITES export permit is no longer required for U.S. hunters to take their black bear hunting trophy home in a fresh, frozen or salted condition at the conclusion of their hunt. The trophy must be part of the accompanying baggage of the hunter who killed the animal. This exemption does not apply to taxidermized trophies. All provincial export requirements still apply (see Alberta Export Permit section) and the trophy and documentation must be presented to Customs at the border when the hunters exit. Only the following parts of black bear may be exported: red meat, the hide with claws still attached, the head or skull with teeth attached, but no other parts. Alberta prohibits the export of the gall bladder or paws of black bear. Note that the CITES permit exemption for fresh black bear trophies applies only to U.S. hunters returning home and not to other hunters. An individual must not sell or dispose of the black bear within 90 days after the date on which the CITES exemption is claimed.

Other circumstances for Black Bear: Claws of black bear may not be exported from Alberta if they are separated from the whole skin. Partial skins of black bear that are processed (tanned or otherwise permanently preserved), black bear skulls with teeth attached (when not being shipped with a hunter returning home as described above) or taxidermized black bear skins may still be exported but only under a provincial export permit with a CITES permit. An unprocessed black bear skin that is not part of a returning hunter's baggage may still be shipped but requires both provincial and CITES export permits.

SALE OF WILDLIFE

The selling, buying, bartering, soliciting or trading in wildlife or wildlife parts, or offering to do so, is regulated under the *Wildlife Act* and Regulations. Many transactions are strictly prohibited, while others are regulated. For further information, contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 16).

When conducting wildlife transactions over the internet, recognize that wildlife laws vary in many jurisdictions; wildlife (such as a naturally shed antler) that is legal to sell within Alberta may not be legal to sell to persons in the U.S.

FOUND DEAD WILDLIFE

When driving or walking, hunters often find dead wildlife that they would like to keep. In most cases it is unlawful to possess such wildlife or parts of wildlife without first obtaining a permit. Contact a Fish and Wildlife office to apply for such a permit before taking possession of the wildlife.

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Access to Public and Private Lands

Except under authority of a Game Bird Shooting Ground Licence, it is unlawful to directly or indirectly buy or sell, trade or barter, or offer to buy or sell access to any land for the purpose of hunting any big game, furbearing animals or game birds.

Hunting on privately owned lands without permission is a problem in Alberta. It generates anti-hunting sentiment among landowners and results in the prosecution of more than 200 hunters each year. They should leave gates as they find them, avoid damaging facilities or property, avoid disturbing livestock and establish friendly relations with landholders.

NOTE: Important changes to the *Petty Trespass Act* took effect in 2004. See this page.

Although there is a moral obligation to pursue wounded game and a legal requirement to ensure game is retrieved and not wasted or abandoned, these obligations do not override the legal requirement to get permission to enter private land.

Access to Public Lands

Hunters are reminded that our privilege to access public lands is contingent upon courtesy and responsible conduct. It is the hunter's responsibility to know, understand and abide by access conditions that apply when using and enjoying these areas.

In addition to privately owned land, permission is always required before entering or crossing:

- Indian reserves (from appropriate band council),
- Métis settlements (from appropriate Métis settlement association)
- Public land under agricultural or grazing lease (from leaseholder), please see advertisement on page 21.

While recreational 'foot' access is generally accepted on public land, hunters should be aware that:

- Off-highway vehicle (OHV) access is prohibited in most provincial parks and provincial recreation areas.
- Off-highway vehicle access may be limited or prohibited within counties, municipal districts or within special public land management areas such as Forest Land Use Zones (FLUZs).
- Some FLUZs have designated OHV trail networks (i.e. Ghost Fluz). In these areas, hunters are required to operate OHVs only on designated trails even when retrieving game.
- Special conditions, such as extreme fire hazard, may warrant additional temporary access limitations.

Regardless of intent or mode of travel, all recreationists are expected and encouraged to respect, take pride, and play a stewardship role in maintaining the quality and character of Alberta's natural resources.

For more information, please contact your local Alberta Sustainable Resource Development office by dialing 310-0000 or visit srd.alberta.ca/lands/usingpublicland/recreation

Wildlife Act

Section 38 of the *Wildlife Act* specifies that no person shall hunt wildlife or discharge firearms on or over occupied lands, or enter onto such lands for the purpose of doing so without the consent of the owner or occupant.

The *Wildlife Act* defines "occupied lands" as follows:

- privately owned lands under cultivation or enclosed by a fence of any kind and not exceeding one section in area on which the owner or occupant actually resides, and
- any other privately owned land that is within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of the section referred to in clause (a) and that is owned or leased by the same owner or occupant.

The occupied lands described in the above legislation do not need to be posted with signs to receive protection under Section 38 of the *Wildlife Act*.

The black area in the map (right) shows an example of nine square miles of land that could contain land falling within the definition of "occupied lands."

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Potentially Occupied Lands
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Petty Trespass Act

Amendments to the *Petty Trespass Act* came into force June 1, 2004. While it is still possible for a landowner to prohibit entry on to his or her land by giving oral or written notice or by posting signs prohibiting entry, the amendments now set out certain kinds of property where entry is prohibited without any notice required. These lands include those privately owned lands (and leased public lands not associated with grazing or cultivation – these are addressed on page 21) that are under cultivation, fenced or enclosed by a natural boundary or enclosed in a manner that indicates the landholder's intention to keep people off the premises or animals on the premises. **Importantly, hunters or others who access those lands must have permission before entering.**

Federal Criminal Code

The *Criminal Code* (Section 41) provides that a person in peaceable possession of real property can require a trespasser to vacate the property.

Access for Guiding

A Hunter Host, Big Game Designated Guide or Bird Game Designated Guide, when guiding on any privately held land, requires permission authorizing access from the landholder for conducting those guiding services on that land. Such a guide or host is required to carry on his person the landholder's name, address (or legal land location of landholder's residence) and telephone number.

Access for Control of Livestock Predation Black Bear and Coyote*

Any person who is (a) the owner or occupant of privately owned land, or (b) authorized to keep livestock on public land, or (c) a resident authorized by a person described in (a) or a resident authorized in writing by a person described in (b) may, without a licence, hunt (but not trap) black bear or coyote on such lands, at all times of the year.

Timber Wolf*

Any person who is (a) the owner or occupant of privately owned land, or (b) authorized to keep livestock on public land, or (c) a resident authorized by a person described in (a) or a resident authorized in writing by a person described in (b) may, without a licence and at all times of the year, hunt (but not trap) timber wolf on such lands, and on any lands within 8 km (5 mi.) of the above lands, provided he or she also has the right of access to these latter lands.

* It is not legally necessary to salvage pelts of furbearing animals (includes coyote and wolf) taken in accordance with regulations authorizing control of problem wildlife. Refer to page 59 for information about seasons for coyote and wolf.

Cougar

Any person who is the owner or occupant of privately owned land may at any time of year, hunt (but not trap) cougar on such lands, without a licence. Hunting with dogs is prohibited under this authority. Under this authority, registration is required within one week of the kill and the skin and skull or intact carcass must be turned in to a Fish and Wildlife District office (see page 16) to be retained by the Crown.

RESTRICTED AREAS

Alberta has a variety of restricted areas. Please read the following sections carefully to determine how the various designations affect hunting opportunities.

ALL HUNTING

Wildlife Sanctuaries

Sanctuaries are intended to provide secure habitat for wildlife and thus allow populations to either increase or remain at desired levels. They include areas of high quality habitat, often where populations of some wildlife species have been significantly lowered or dispersed because of disturbance at some time in the past. Sanctuary status allows these areas to realize their potential to support wildlife and to act as core areas of production for animals that will disperse to surrounding areas. It also increases the opportunities for Albertans to view wildlife.

NOTE: Privately owned lands within wildlife sanctuaries are excluded from the sanctuaries.

Road Corridor Wildlife Sanctuaries

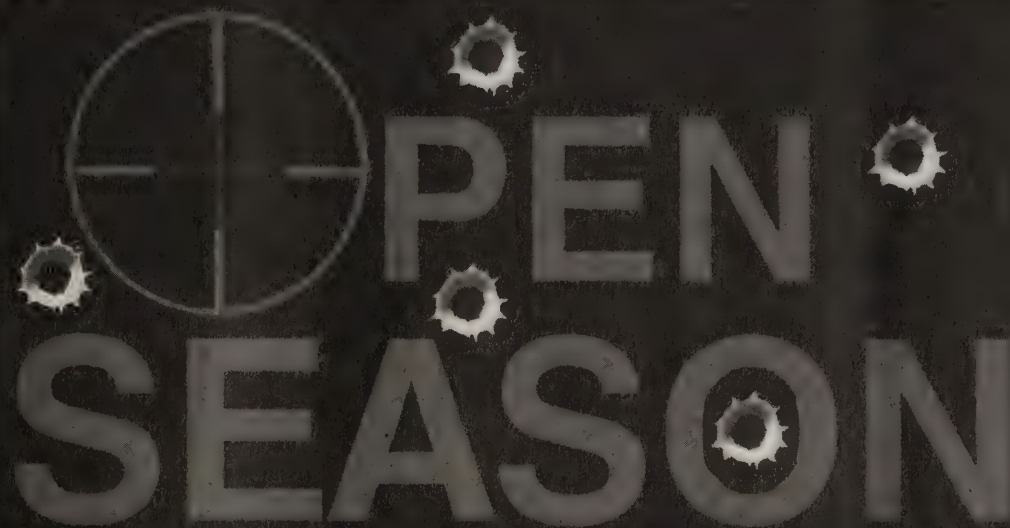
It is unlawful to hunt within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the road in a designated road corridor wildlife sanctuary (a corridor 730 m or 800 yards wide). No person shall possess a weapon in these sanctuaries unless while crossing the sanctuary on horseback or on foot, the weapon, if it is a firearm, does not contain ammunition and the person is travelling in a direct route to leave the road corridor wildlife sanctuary.

There are 11 road corridor wildlife sanctuaries, shown in green on the enclosed WMU map. Eight are located in the Mountain and Foothills regions and three in the Boreal Region. Descriptions of the Road Corridor Wildlife Sanctuaries are as follows:

Mountain and Foothills

1. Highwood – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of

- (a) Highway 40 between the southern boundary of Peter Lougheed Provincial Park and Secondary Road 541,
 - (b) Secondary Road 541 between Highway 40 and the eastern boundary of the Rocky Mountain Forest Reserve;
2. Harold Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of the road locally known as the Harold Creek Road between the eastern boundary of the Rocky Mountain Forest Reserve and Secondary Road 734;
 3. Eagle Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of the road locally known as the Ya Ha Tinda Ranch Road between Eagle Creek and the ranch headquarters buildings;
 4. Elk Creek – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 between Idlewilde Creek and the road locally known as the Peppers Lake Road;
 5. Ram Falls – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 between the Ram River and the road locally known as the Onion Lake Road;
 6. North Ram – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Secondary Road 734 that is in Township 38, Range 15, West of the 5th Meridian and north of the North Ram River;
 7. Kootenay Plains – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of that portion of Highway 11 between Allstones Creek and the eastern boundary of Banff National Park;
 8. Highway 40/Little Smoky/Simonette – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of
 - (a) that portion of Highway 40 between the Berland River and the Muskeg River,
 - (b) the road locally known as the Huckleberry Tower Road,
 - (c) that portion of Secondary Road 734 between Highway 40 and its junction with the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the Smoky Mainline,
 - (d) the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the



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Smoky Mainline in Townships 57 and 58, Ranges 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, West of the 6th Meridian,

- (e) that portion of the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the Ghost Mainline in Townships 57, 58, 59 and 60, Ranges 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, West of the 6th Meridian,
- (f) the Foothills Forest Products Road locally known as the Simonette Mainline in Townships 58 and 59, Ranges 3 and 4, West of the 6th Meridian;

Boreal Region

- 9. Whitemud Hills – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the Peace River Pulp Road locally known as the Whitemud Hills Haul Road from Highway 35 to the western boundary of Section 14, Township 85, Range 2, West of the 6th Meridian;
- 10. Sulphur Lake – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of the Peace River Pulp Road locally known as the Sulphur Lake Haul Road from the southeast corner of Township 88, Range 1, West of the 6th Meridian to its junction with the road locally known as the Canfor East Road in Township 89, Range 3, West of the 6th Meridian;
- 11. Peace River Pulp Mill – within 365 m (400 yards) of the centre-line of
 - (a) the portion of secondary road 986 locally known as the Peace River Pulp Road between the Peace River Pulp Mill in township 85, range 21, west of the 5th meridian easterly to its junction with the road locally known as the Peace River Pulp Resource Road in the south-east quarter of section 17, township 85, range 19, west of the 5th meridian.
 - (b) the road locally known as the Peace River Pulp Resource Road from its intersection with secondary road 986 in the south-east quarter of section 17, township 85, range 19, west of the 5th meridian northerly to the centre of the north-east quarter of section 14, township 90, range 20, west of the 5th meridian.

Seasonal Sanctuaries

No person shall approach within 800 metres (0.5 mile) of any of the following seasonal sanctuaries between April 15 and September 15.

- 1. The island known as Pelican Island in Newell Lake in Township 17, Range 15, W4M;
- 2. The unnamed island in Namur Lake in Sections 35 and 36, Township 97, Range 17, W4M;
- 3. The unnamed island in Beaverhill Lake in Section 5, Township 52, Range 17, W4M;
- 4. The unnamed island in the unnamed lake in Section 8, 9, 16 and 17, Township 95, Range 17, W4M;
- 5. The unnamed island in Scope Reservoir in LSD 2 and 3, Section 10, Township 13, Range 14, W4M.

No person shall enter the following seasonal sanctuaries between April 15 and September 15:

- 1. That portion of the unnamed island in Lower Therien Lake in the NW Quarter of Section 14, Township 57, Range 10, W4M;
- 2. That portion of Lower Therien Lake in Section 2, 3, 10 and 11, Township 57, Range 10, W4M;
- 3. The unnamed islands in the Slave River in the SW Quarter of Section 30, Township 126, Range 10, W4M, and the SE Quarter of Section 25, Township 126, Range 11, W4M;
- 4. The island known as Bird Island in Buffalo Lake in Section 30, Township 40, Range 20, W4M;
- 5. The unnamed island in Joseph Lake in Section 12, Township 50, Range 22, W4M.

No person shall enter the following seasonal sanctuaries between May 1 and August 15:

- 1. The following lands to the extent that, at any given time, they are not covered by any of the waters of Muriel Lake,
 - a) within township 59, range 5, west of the fourth meridian, the east half of legal subdivisions 9 and 16 of section 19; legal subdivisions 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16 of section 20; legal subdivisions 13 and 14 of section 21; the northeast quarter of section 21; legal subdivisions 2, 3 and 4 of section 28; legal subdivisions 10 and 11 of section 29; the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of section 29;
 - b) within township 60, range 5, west of the fourth meridian, legal subdivisions 5, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of section 1; legal subdivisions 8, 9, 15 and 16 of section 2; the southeast quarter and the northeast quarter of section 11; legal subdivisions 3 and 4 of section 12.
- 2. All areas within legal subdivisions 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 of section 35, township 68, range 15, west of the fourth meridian and legal subdivisions 9 and 16 of section 34, township 68, range 15, west of the fourth meridian.

Métis Settlements

In general, only a member of a Métis Settlement Association, formed under the *Métis Settlements Act*, may hunt or trap wildlife on a Métis Settlement. Hunting by non-members may be authorized under settlement by-laws.

Natural Areas

Natural areas are special parcels of public land that are formally set aside by the Alberta Government to protect sensitive and scenic land from disturbance. Natural areas fall in the middle of the range of conservation lands in Alberta, between strictly protected lands – such as ecological reserves and provincial parks – and lands intensively developed for recreation. The main objective of natural areas management is to maintain the natural features and characteristics of the site. Development of any facilities is kept to a minimum.

Generally, hunting is permitted in most natural areas. However, there are some sites with special management or safety considerations that restrict hunting and access (e.g., Wagner Natural Area, Riverlot 56, and

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Ecological Reserves

Ecological reserves contain representative or special provincial natural features. The management intent of the reserves is to allow natural processes to occur. The *Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves and Natural Areas Act* prohibits hunting within ecological reserves, unless it is required for management purposes to simulate natural events. For example, hunting for big game is allowed in Upper Bob Creek Ecological Reserve, located in WMU 308, but the use of motorized vehicles is not permitted.

Alberta's Ecological Reserves Program is part of a larger international program to preserve natural ecosystems. Ecological reserves protect representative areas in each of the natural regions of Alberta for the conservation of genetic resources, to allow for the appreciation of nature, to preserve our natural heritage, and to establish ecological benchmarks and control areas for research and education.

For further information on ecological reserves, contact Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation at 780-427-3582 (toll free 1-866-427-3582).

Heritage Rangelands

Heritage rangelands are established to preserve and protect natural heritage that is representative of Alberta's grasslands, using grazing to maintain the grassland environment. Seven heritage rangelands have been established in Alberta, with interim designation as natural areas: Black Creek, Twin River, Onefour, Tolman Badlands, Killarney-Reflex Lakes, Ribstone Creek and Beaverhill Lake heritage rangeland natural areas. These sites are open to hunting, according to the provisions in place for hunting in natural areas. Recreational vehicle use is discouraged in all of these sites, with the exception of Beaverhill Lake, where traditional snowmobile use continues to be permitted. For current information about heritage rangeland natural areas, contact the Parks and Protected Areas Division, Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation at 780-427-3582 (toll-free 1-866-427-3582).

Provincial Parks and Recreation Areas

Except for Wildland Provincial Parks (see page 36) or for the limited seasons provided in WMUs 624 (Cypress Hills Provincial Park), 936 (Blackfoot Recreation Area) and 841 (Lakeland Recreation Area), it is unlawful to hunt, or to carry or discharge a firearm in a provincial park or recreation area without a firearms carry and discharge permit.

* Otherwise, all firearms must be unloaded, encased or dismantled. In the case of Blackfoot Recreation Area, hunters will need to obtain a "Firearms Discharge Permit" from the office at Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area prior to engaging in any hunting-related activity inside the recreation area.

Forest Recreation Areas

It is unlawful to discharge a firearm within a forest recreation area. It is also unlawful to "dress" a big game animal within a forest recreation area.

Kananaskis Country

Kananaskis Country is a multi-use area comprised of Provincial Parks, Wildland Parks, Natural Areas, Recreation Areas, Ecological Reserves and public land. Hunters are advised to ensure they are familiar with the regulations and restrictions regarding hunting that apply to these areas. Access to some areas may be affected when roads and recreational trails for industrial use are temporarily closed. Information and maps are available from Visitor Information Centers within Kananaskis Country.

National Parks

Hunting is prohibited in national parks, and hunters should be especially careful about their locations when hunting near park boundaries. Firearms are prohibited in national parks except on through highways and in town sites, where they must be unloaded and encased.

Other Restricted Areas

Except for the special seasons provided in WMUs 728 and 730, hunting is not permitted in the following areas:

- Cold Lake Air Weapons Range (WMU 726),
- Canadian Forces Base Wainwright (WMUs 728 and 730),
- Canadian Forces Base Suffield (WMU 732),
- Ghost River Wilderness Area (WMU 734),
- Greene Valley Wildlife Management Unit (WMU 926),
- Siffleur Wilderness Area (WMU 736),
- White Goat Wilderness Area (WMU 738), and
- within 91 m (100 yards) of Highway 1 or Highway 1A in WMU 410.

BIG GAME HUNTING

The hunting of big game is not permitted in the following areas:

- the Gregg River Resources Coal Mineral Surface Lease in WMU 438, and
- the Cardinal River Coal Mineral Surface Lease in WMU 438.

Saskatoon Mountain Primitive Weapons Area

Only shotguns, muzzle loaders and archery equipment may be used to hunt big game in this area in WMU 357, located 20 km west of Grande Prairie on the north side of Highway 43 (see enclosed Wildlife Management Unit Map). For a more detailed map/description of area, please contact the Grande Prairie Fish and Wildlife office.

Restricted Areas for Trophy and Non-trophy Sheep

It is unlawful to hunt trophy or non-trophy sheep within the following areas:

- 183 m (200 yards) of the Canada Cement rock quarry at Exshaw,
- 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of Highway 1A between the western boundary of the Stoney Indian Reserve and Canmore,
- 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of Highway 3,
- 1.6 km (1 mi.) of the Sheep River from the eastern boundary of WMU 406 upstream to Dyson Creek,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of the Inland Cement Rock Quarry near Cadomin,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of the intersection of Whitehorse Creek and the main forestry trunk road south of Cadomin,
- 1.6 km (1.0 mi.) of where Highway 16 intersects the eastern boundary of Jasper National Park,
- 3.2 km (2.0 mi.) of the intersection of the Forestry Trunk Road and the South Ram River in Section 18, Township 36, Range 13, West of the Fifth Meridian,

GAME BIRD HUNTING

Game Bird Sanctuaries

Hunting game birds and carrying shotguns are prohibited in game bird sanctuaries except with a special permit. Descriptions of these sanctuaries are available from the Queen's Printer in Edmonton or Calgary (page 12).

Game bird sanctuaries are located in the following WMUs:

WMU	Sanctuary	WMU	Sanctuary
102	Pakowki Lake	242	Ministik Lake
148	Many Island Lake	242	Miquelon Lake
212	Inglewood	357	Saskatoon Lake
220	Red Deer	503	Lac La Biche
238	Birch Lake	530	Richardson Lake



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Restricted Rivers

Hunting of migratory game birds on the following rivers, over any islands in these rivers or within 91 m (100 yards) of the edge of the waters of these rivers is prohibited until November 1:

1. Bow River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Calgary to Highway 24.
2. Little Smoky River downstream from Highway 43.
3. Peace River.
4. Red Deer River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Red Deer.
5. Smoky River downstream from the mouth of the Wapiti River.
6. South Saskatchewan River downstream from the corporate limits of the City of Medicine Hat.

Restricted Lakes

Hunting game birds on the following lakes, over any island in these lakes or within 0.8 km (0.5 mi.) of the edge of the waters of these lakes is prohibited until November 1 (Note additional restrictions below for Saskatoon Lake and Ministik Lake). Efforts are made to post signs near these lakes, but not all lakes may be so identified. It is the hunter's responsibility to know the restrictions in the area he or she hunts.

Prairie WMUs

- 160 Little Fish Lake (28-16,17-W4)
- 162 Berry Creek Reservoir (Carolside Dam) (26,27-12-W4)
- 162 Blood Indian Creek Reservoir (26-9-W4)
- 162 Birkenshire Lake (23,24-28-11-W4)
- 163 Currant Lake (33-3-W4)
- 163 Grassy Island Lake (33-3-W4)
- 163 Misty Lake (33-3-W4)
- 163 Sounding Creek Reservoir (30-5,6-W4)
- 164 Fitzgerald Lake (3,4-33-8-W4)
- 164 Kirkpatrick Lake (33,34-9,10-W4)
- 164 Rushmere Lake (33-8-W4)
- 164 Syson Lake (35-12,13-W4)
- 164 Grays Lake (28,32,33-32-7-W4)
- 164 Wiste Lake (2,11-33-7-W4)
- 164 Unnamed Lake (23 to 27-33-8-W4)
- 164 Unnamed Lake (31,32-33-8-W4)
- 164 Polly Lake (7-31-1-W4)

- 164 Willowbend Reservoir (K-B Lake) (1-31-13-W4)
- 166 Dowling Lake (31,32-14,15-W4)
- 166 Sullivan Lake (34 to 37-14,15-W4)

Parkland WMUs

- 200 Sounding Lake (36,37-3,4-W4)
- 202 Armstrong Lake (42-10-W4)
- 202 Unnamed Lake (8,9-38-10-W4)
- 203 Bellshill (Goose) Lake (42-11-W4)
- 206 Buffalo Lake (40,41-20,21,22-W4**)
- 221 Cygnet Lake (38-1-W5 and 38-28-W4)
- 228 Driedmeat Lake (44,45-19,20-W4)
- 232 Blackburn Lake (10,11-43-10-W4)
- 234 Dolcy Lake (26,35-42-4-W4)
- 234 Gillespie Lake (39,40-2-W4)
- 234 McIntyre Lake (16,17-44-1-W4)
- 236 Kenilworth Lake (50-4-W4)
- 242 Beaverhill Lake (that portion lying in 50,51-17,18-W4 – approx. southern 1/2 of lake)
- 242 Ministik Lake* (50-21-W4)
- 242 Oliver Lake (50-21-W4)
- 242 Lake 'A' (50,51-17-W4) adjacent to Beaverhill Lake
- 252 Whitford Lake (56-15,16-W4)

* *Hunting of game birds in the Ministik Lake Game Bird Sanctuary is prohibited.*

** Hunting of upland game birds only is permitted in 9-40-21-W4.

Foothills WMUs

- 357 Saskatoon Lake* (including Little Lake) (71, 72-7,8-W6)
- * *Hunting of game birds in Saskatoon Lake Federal Migratory Bird Sanctuary is prohibited.*

Boreal WMUs

- 502 Stebbing Lake (63-7-W4)
- 523 Winagami Lake* (76,77-18,19-W5)
- 523 Kimiwan Lake (78-19-W5)
- 523 Lac Magloire (79-21-W5)

* Winagami Lake is within Winagami Lake Provincial Park. Hunting is prohibited on the lake and islands.

VEHICLE RESTRICTIONS

The use of vehicles, including off-highway vehicles (OHVs), is controlled by various regulations. Refer to the enclosed Wildlife Management Unit Map for more information.

Vehicle Use and Restrictions

The 'footprint' of vehicles is much greater than the average foot. Noise, erosion, soil compaction, habitat disturbance and vegetation impacts generally increase with vehicle use. Hunters are requested to minimize the impacts of vehicles where they are permitted and abide by limitations to vehicle use where applicable.

All off-highway vehicles (OHVs) operated on public land must be registered, insured and have a visible licence plate. Vehicles must also have a headlight, tail light, muffler and spark arrestor.

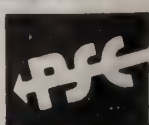
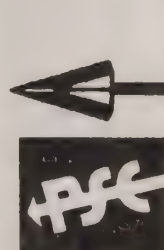
Forest Land Use Zones (FLUZ)

Several areas in the province are designated as FLUZs to allow for the management of recreational interests and pressures on local ecology. On and off highway vehicle restrictions apply in all FLUZs and may limit vehicle type, trail access and seasons open to vehicle use. WMU and FLUZ boundaries may overlap and all – or portions of – WMUs may have vehicle access restrictions. Please refer to FLUZ maps available at your local SRD office or <http://srd.alberta.ca/lands/usingpublicland/recreation> for details.

Wildland Provincial Parks

Hunting is allowed in the Wildland Provincial parks shown on the enclosed WMU map. However, special access restrictions apply to all

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Forest Land Use Zone (FLUZ)	Off-Highway Vehicles	Associated WMUs
Allison Chinook	Seasonal access on designated trails only	402
Athabasca Ranch	Seasonal access only	344
Brule Lake	Designated corridors only	438
Castle	Seasonal access on designated trails only	400
Cataract Creek Snow Vehicle	Snowmobiles only with additional conditions	404
Coal Branch	Seasonal access on designated trails only	436-438
Dormer / Sheep	Designated trails only	416
Ghost	Designated trails only	316, 412, 414, 416
Job / Cline	Seasonal access on designated trails only	426, 430, 432, 434
Kiska / Willson	Designated trails only with some seasonal restrictions	326, 328, 416-418, 420, 422, 426, 428-430
McLean Creek Off-Highway	Permitted with conditions	406
Sibbald Snow Vehicle	Snowmobiles only with additional conditions	406
Blackstone / Wapiti	NOT PERMITTED	430, 434
Holmes Crossing	NOT PERMITTED	507
Kananaskis Country	NOT PERMITTED	404, 406, 408
Panther Corners	NOT PERMITTED	416, 418
Whitcourt Sandhills X-Country Ski	NOT PERMITTED	507

motorized vehicles. For example, Bob Creek Wildland Provincial Park provides a network of designated trails on which only specific OHVs (quads and snowmobiles) may be operated from May 1 to December 15. For more detailed information, contact Alberta Tourism, Parks and Recreation.

Hunting with Motorized Vehicles

It is unlawful to

- discharge a **weapon** at antelope from within 46 m (50 yards) of a vehicle;
- use motorized travel within Willmore Wilderness Park; and
- carry a weapon (see definition on page 15) on an OHV **between 1 hour before sunrise and the following noon** during an open season for big game on public land in the following WMUs: 102-166, 200-260, 300-351, 354-360, 400-446, 507, 508, 514, 521, 522, 526 and 841. This does not apply when the operator is on a direct route to or from a location accessible by vehicles designed for highway travel and his or her isolated campsite, and the weapons and ammunition are carried out of view in separate locked containers. Also, the restriction does not apply in a WMU when the only big game season open is a spring black bear season.

Recreation Trails

A number of forested areas throughout Alberta have designated recreation trails. These areas allow a variety of activities including hiking, horseback riding, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling. Trail users and backcountry travellers should be aware of current land use restrictions. For more information on recreation trails, contact the Information Centre in Edmonton (see page 16).

Trappers' Trails

Many trails on Crown lands are created and maintained by trappers. To avoid interference with trapline operations, recreationists are urged to avoid motorized use of trails marked with signs indicating "Active Trapline," especially during trapping seasons of November through February.

Be
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when hunting.

- Carry pepper spray. Keep it handy.
- If you hunt alone, let others know where you are going and when you expect to return.
- Remember that using cover scents and calling game may attract bears.
- Be extremely cautious in areas where bears might feed such as berry patches and grain fields.
- Be alert when handling a harvested animal. Remove the carcass quickly.
- If a bear finds your kill site, or if the carcass has been buried or moved, leave the area immediately and advise the local Fish and Wildlife office by calling 310-0000.



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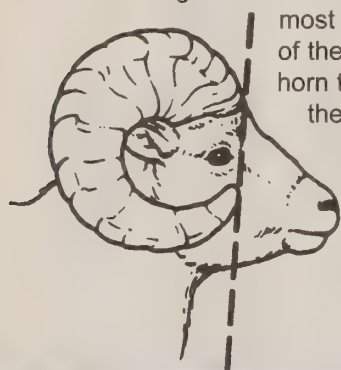
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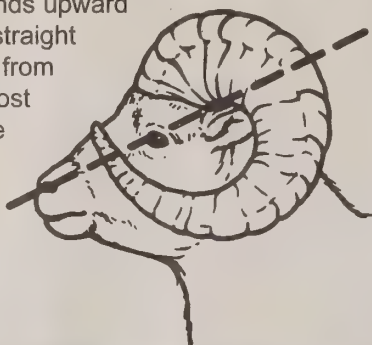
— Big Game Identification —

Trophy Sheep — A male bighorn sheep with horns, one of which is of sufficient size that a straight line drawn from the

most anterior point of the base of the horn to the tip of the horn extends beyond the anterior edge of the eye when viewed in profile.



Full-Curl Trophy Sheep — A male bighorn sheep with horns, one of which is of sufficient size that when viewed in profile, its tip extends upward beyond a straight line drawn from the rear-most point of the base of the horn to the centre of the nostril.

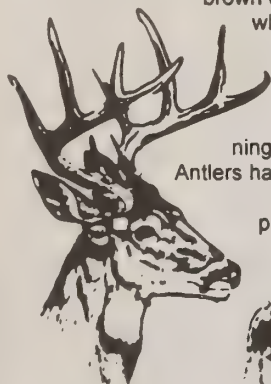


Be Careful!

Study a ram carefully when determining its trophy status. Be sure to view the ram's head from a horizontal plane and in profile, with the front of the right and left horn bases aligned. Views from below, in front, or any other perspective other than "in profile" will not provide for accurate judgement. Some rams may not be legal even if they are old or have horns severely broomed or with turned up tips.

White-tailed Deer — Body color grey to reddish brown, under body white. Tail large and bushy, brown on upper surface and white on lower surface.

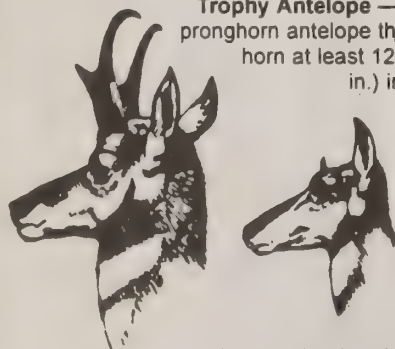
Tail often held erect and "flagged" when animal runs. Gait a series of short running dashes and bounds. Antlers have individual tines off main beams. Antlers present on males only.



Mule Deer — Body color grey to brownish grey, under body white. Ears prominent; tail compact, rope-like, and black-tipped; rump patch white. Tail held down when animal runs. Gait a series of stiff-legged bounds. Antlers branched and present on males only.



Trophy Antelope — A male pronghorn antelope that has a horn at least 12.6 cm (5 in.) in length.



Non-trophy Antelope — A female pronghorn antelope or a male pronghorn antelope having horns not more than 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

Woodland Caribou — Woodland Caribou are classified as Threatened animals in Alberta.

THERE IS NO OPEN SEASON FOR CARIBOU.



male

female



lamb

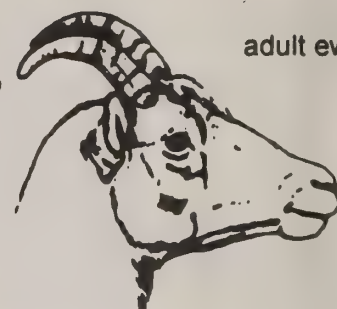


yearling ewe

Non-trophy Sheep — A female bighorn sheep or a male bighorn sheep under one year of age.



yearling ram (illegal)



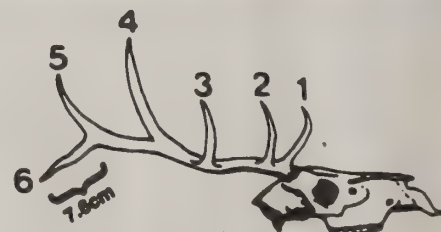
adult ewe

Antlered

A white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk having an antler exceeding 10.2 cm (4 in.) in length.

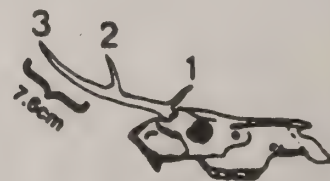
Antlerless

A white-tailed deer, mule deer, moose or elk that is not "antlered" (as defined above).



Six-point Elk — A male elk bearing an antler that is composed of a main beam from which project not fewer than five tines, each of which is at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

Note: The tip of the main beam must be at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) from the base of the last tine counted.



Three-point Elk — A male elk bearing an antler that is composed of a main beam from which project not fewer than two tines, each of which is at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) in length.

Note: The tip of the main beam must be at least 7.6 cm (3 in.) from the base of the last tine counted.

Hump

GRIZZLY



Dished Face Profile

14 cm



13 cm



24.5 cm

No Hump

BLACK BEAR



Straight Face Profile

9.5 cm



9 cm



18 cm

Moose

Cow – large, long nose and face; eyes appear close to top of head; rectangular body proportions; 1.8 m (6 ft.) high at the shoulder; may be found alone.

Calf – small, short nose and face; eyes appear more centered between tip of nose and top of head; squarish body proportions; 1.2 m (4 ft.) high at the shoulder; seldom found alone.



EVIDENCE OF SEX, SPECIES AND CLASS

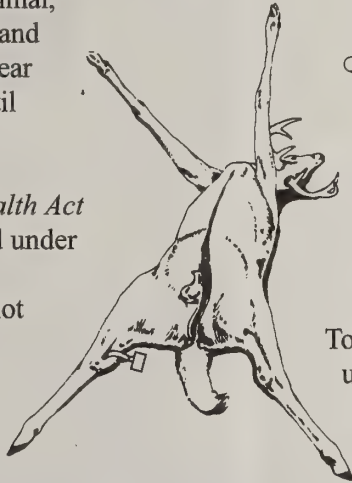
Evidence of sex, species and class must be retained (cannot be surgically or otherwise removed) on the carcass of big game animals, except black bear, until the carcass is delivered to either of the following:

- the usual residence of the person who killed the animal, and the carcass is actually being butchered, cut up and packaged for consumption. In the case of grizzly bear or cougar, the evidence of sex must be retained until the animal has been registered (page 43), or
- a premises* in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

*Note: The evidence of sex, species or class cannot be removed until it is delivered to one of these premises.

The evidence of sex, species or class that must be retained is as follows:

- **moose, elk, deer, antelope, bison and non-trophy sheep**
 - attached to the same part of the animal to which the tag is affixed, **one** of the following:
 - testicles, scrotum, or udder, and in the case of deer only, the completely haired tail, or
 - the head with horns or antlers attached if the animal has horns or antlers, or



- the head (complete with the skin on it) if the animal has no horns or antlers, and
- in addition,
 - the complete skull plate with horns or antlers intact must be retained with the carcass of the male antelope, male elk or male non-trophy sheep
 - the complete head must be retained with the carcass of a calf moose harvested under authority of a Calf Moose Special Licence.
- **cougar** – one of the following attached to the skin and visible:
 - in the case of a male, the scrotum
 - in the case of a female, a teat or a portion of a mammary gland.

To retain the scrotum or udder, cut to one side of the scrotum or udder when opening the animal for gutting. If you skin your game, the scrotum or udder must remain attached to the meat. If you remove the testicles and penis, leave the entire scrotum intact. The meat will not be tainted.

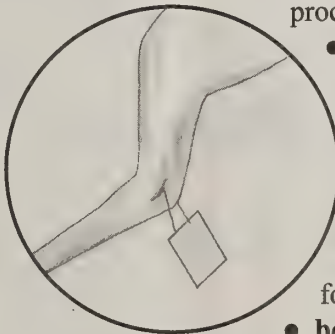
Deboning: a hunter can debone a carcass while in the field and still follow the requirements described above for moose, elk, deer, antelope, bison and non-trophy sheep. It's not necessary for the full hind quarter of meat to remain intact while still bearing the required evidence, provided that portion of the leg and tendon where the tag is attached also has the evidence of sex, species or class still attached to it.

TAGGING

NOTE: Antlered moose, elk and deer must **NOT** be tagged around the antler base. Please review the following instructions.

Immediately after killing a big game animal, the appropriate tag(s) must be affixed and securely locked to the animal as follows:

- **trophy sheep, goat** – one tag through the nostril and, as soon as the skin is removed from the skull, one tag around the lower bone of the eye socket leaving the horns and eye intact.
- **moose, elk, deer, antelope, bison and non-trophy sheep** – through the space between the bone and the tendon of a hind leg directly above the hock and around either the bone or the tendon.
- **bear and cougar** – to the skin.



primary licence holder must, immediately upon arriving at the carcass, tag the animal in the normal fashion (See page 22 for more information).

Tags must remain affixed until, in the case of

- **trophy sheep, goat** – the animal is registered (page 43) and the skin is processed.
- **moose, elk, deer, antelope, bison or non-trophy sheep** – the carcass is delivered to the usual residence of the person who killed the animal or to a premises (i.e., meat plant or butcher shop) in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act* and the carcass is actually being butchered, cut and packaged for consumption.
- **bear and cougar** – the skin is processed.

Partner Licence

Upon killing an animal, a partner must immediately inform the primary licence holder (and vice versa – if the primary licence holder kills the animal, he or she must immediately inform the partner) of the killing. The

To tag your kill using the adhesive tag that comes with your licence, attach the wire loop to the animal as described above for various species and classes. Close and secure the loop by affixing the adhesive tag over the free ends of the wire.

BOWHUNTING

Note: The following applies to bowhunting other than with a cross-bow. For information about hunting with cross-bows, see page 60.

Except for the hunting of black bear, coyote or wolf under the

circumstances outlined on page 32, a Bowhunting Permit is required by anyone who hunts big game, game bird, wolf or coyote with a bow and arrow. Bowhunters with appropriate general or special licences may hunt during the general seasons as well as archery-only seasons. A Bowhunting

BOWHUNTING (continued)

Permit is required in combination with a big game licence. In some areas of the province, hunters require special licences to hunt certain species of big game – see season tables. A bowhunter who obtains an Antlered Moose Special Licence, Antlerless Moose Special Licence, Calf Moose Special Licence, Antlered Mule Deer Special Licence, Antlerless Mule Deer Special Licence, Antlered White-tailed Deer Special Licence, Antlerless White-tailed Deer Special Licence, Antlered Elk Special Licence or Antlerless Elk Special Licence may, if an early archery season is offered, hunt under the authority of that licence during the archery season but only in the WMU specified on the licence and only for the type and species of animal for which the licence was issued. Bowhunters are reminded that, in some situations, archery-only seasons for some species may be in progress at the same time as primitive weapon and rifle seasons for other species in the same WMU. Bowhunters, under the authority of their White-tailed Deer Licence or Mule Deer Licence can hunt during the primitive weapon season.

Persons hunting big game must use an authorized bow and an authorized arrow. An authorized bow is one that is held, drawn and released by muscular power and has a draw weight of not less than 18 kg (40 lb.). This is the number of kilograms (pounds) required to draw an arrow of 71 cm (28 in.) to its head. An authorized arrow is one that is not less than 61 cm (24 in.) in length that has a tip that bears a head that is not intentionally designed to resist being withdrawn after it has penetrated an object. Furthermore, it must either have a solid, sharp cutting head of at least 7/8 inch in width, or a head that, when the arrow impacts, opens to present sharp cutting edges at least 7/8 inch in width.

Hunters are asked to remove their tree stands at the end of the hunting seasons unless permission has been granted by the landholder to do otherwise.



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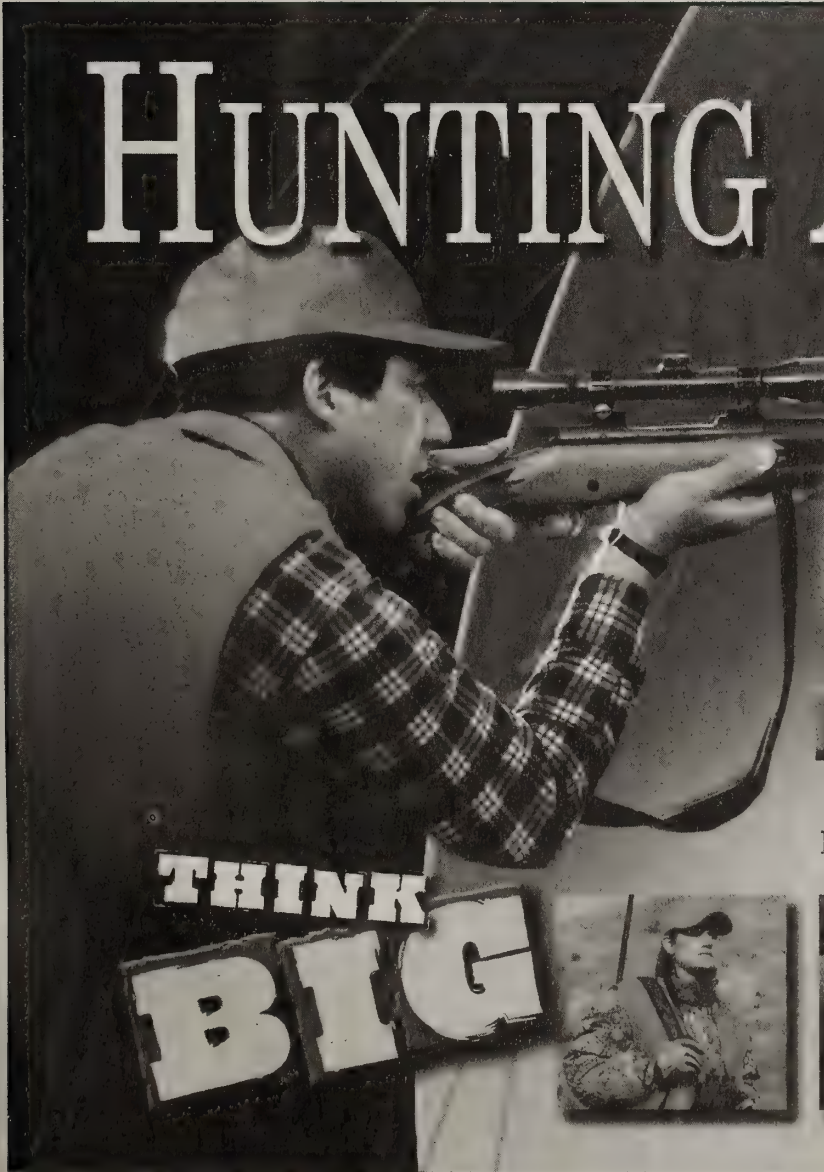
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WILDLIFE COMPULSORY REGISTRATION

After harvesting **any** of the animals listed below, a hunter must register the kill at a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 16) within the specified time period. Where parts are required to be submitted, they must be submitted at the time the animal is registered in person by the hunter who killed the animal. For species where parts are not required to be submitted, the hunter who killed the animal may not have to attend in person at the time of registration. Contact a Fish and Wildlife office (page 16) for further information.

- Goat (the incisor bar must be submitted);
- Male sheep over 1 year of age (the complete unaltered skull with horns and eyes intact must be submitted);
- Wolves taken in any of WMUs 300 to 318, 324 to 330, 339 or 400 to 434 under any authority;
- Cougar and bobcat (the skin must be submitted complete with the evidence of sex attached and visible).
- Bison taken in WMUs 536 and 539. (Successful draw applicants will be contacted about collecting biological samples).

Registration Deadlines – All registrations (except for cougar, bison and sheep) must be completed no later than 14 days after the close of the open season during which the animal was killed **or** 30 days after the date on which the animal was killed, whichever occurs first. Cougars that are harvested by persons other than on privately owned land under a landowner or occupant authority must be registered within one business day following the kill. (For cougar taken by landowners or occupants see page 32). Sheep

must be registered within 14 business days following the kill or 7 days of the close of the season. Bison taken in WMUs 536 and 539 must be registered within 5 business days of the kill. If an animal is exported, it must first be registered. Persons registering goat, sheep, bison, cougar, bobcat and wolf are required to provide the following information:

- species and sex of the animal,
- date and location of the kill.

As part of the registration process, trophy sheep horns will be fitted with a permanent identification marker. Other animals may be marked in another manner or retained for examination.

Compulsory registration provides information about the relative numbers of males, females and young in big game populations. It also provides the dates and locations of the harvest. Age structure and sex ratios provide an indication of population productivity (how many young survive to become adults) and status (increasing, decreasing or stable). The population and harvest data can then be used to determine the harvest goals or quotas for following years. This valuable information, provided by hunters, is essential for managing cougar, goat, trophy sheep and wolves in Alberta.

It is a mandatory requirement to submit the heads of deer harvested from specific WMUs for CWD testing and research purposes. See page 70 for details.

ATTENTION BEAR HUNTERS!

Black Bear Baiting

Baiting of black bears is permitted in the following WMUs: 320-324, 330-338, 348, 358-360, 500-507, 509, 510, 512-520, 522, 523, 526, 529-536, 539-542, and portions of WMUs 357, 521, 528 and 544 (check with local Fish and Wildlife Division offices, page 16). However, the following restrictions also apply:

1) Baiting is prohibited within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of occupied dwellings. Owners and occupants of dwellings are exempt from this restriction if they have permission to bait from the owners or occupants of all other dwellings within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of the bait. Other persons may also bait within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of an occupied dwelling if the bait has been authorized in writing by the owners or occupants of that dwelling and all other dwellings within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of the bait.

2) Baiting is prohibited within 1.6 km (1 mi.) of provincial parks that are not designated as Wildland Provincial Parks, provincial and forest recreation areas and some industrial sites.

3) Each bait site must have a readily observable sign legibly showing the owner's name, WIN, Big Game Outfitter-guide Permit number, or Big Game Guide Designation Number.

4) Each bait must be posted with surrounding signs to warn other people of its presence.

5) Baiting is restricted to the open season and the preceding two weeks in each specific WMU. Contact a Fish and Wildlife Division office (page

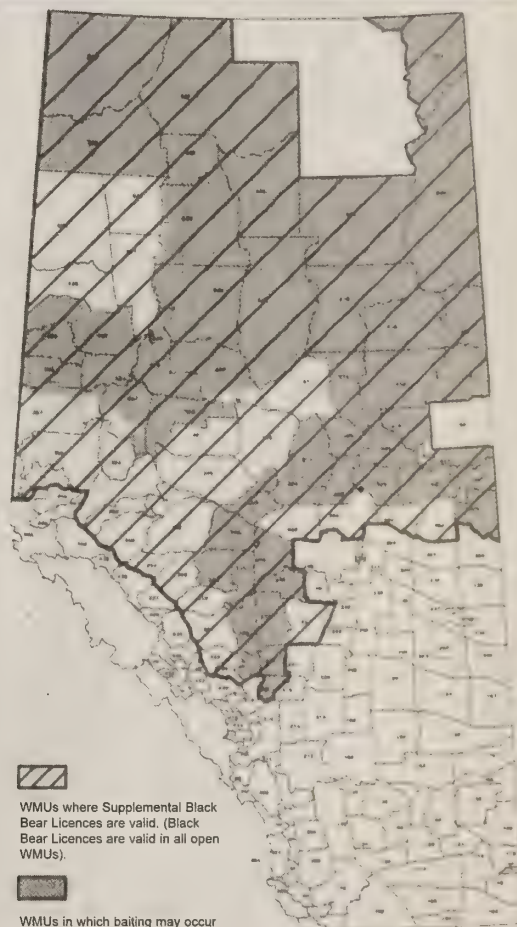
16) for legal land descriptions or more information. Hunters are reminded that Alberta's *Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act*, *Livestock Diseases Act* and the *Public Health Act* apply to baiting situations. Any livestock dying other than through proper slaughter for human consumption must be disposed of in prescribed ways and may not be used for baiting bears. Containers or wrappings made of paper, cardboard, plastic or other materials should not be left at bait sites. For the safety of others, baits should not be placed near active work sites (e.g., tree planting locations) and all bait sites must be cleaned immediately after the bear season.

Supplemental Black Bear Licences

Supplemental Black Bear Licences are available in the following WMUs: 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841.

ATTENTION WOLF HUNTERS!

- Setting out bait for the purpose of hunting wolves is lawful except during a spring black bear season where the use of bait for hunting black bear is not allowed.
- Where/when there is an open spring black bear season and baiting for black bear is allowed, wolf baits must be signed/posted in the same manner as black bear baits. This requirement to sign/post wolf baits is not in effect in other circumstances where wolf baits are lawfully set.



ATTENTION BEAR AND COUGAR HUNTERS!

Trichinosis – To prevent possible trichinosis, a parasitic infection, bear and cougar meat should be thoroughly cooked before it is consumed by humans or pets.

Prairie WMUs (100 Series)

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Sunday hunting for big game is prohibited in Prairie WMUs (100 Series).

Archery Only Seasons are those where only a bow and arrow may be used to hunt.

General Seasons are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2009 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Note: It is a mandatory requirement to submit the heads of deer harvested from specific WMUs for CWD testing and research purposes. See page 70 for details.

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer ¹	Antlered	S9 - N3	(Wed – Sat only) N4 - N7, N11 - N14 N18 - N21, N25 - N28	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 152, 156, 158, 160, 164
		S9 - O31	N1 - N30	166
	Antlerless	S9 - N3	■ (Wed – Sat only) N4 - N7, N11 - N14 N18 - N21, N25 - N28	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 152, 156, 158, 160, 164
		S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	166
	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - O14 N1 - N3	O15 – O31 (Primitive Weapon – muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow, bow & arrow)	150, 151, 162, 163
			(Wed – Sat only) N4 - N7, N11 - N14 N18 - N21, N25 - N28 D2 - D5, D9 - D12 D16 - D19	
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - N3	■ (Wed – Sat only) N4 - N7, N11 - N14 N18 - N21, N25 - N28	102, 104, 106, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 152, 156, 158, 160, 164
		S9 - O14 N1 - N3	■ O15 – O31 ² (Primitive Weapon – muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow, bow & arrow)	150, 151, 162, 163
			■ (Wed – Sat only) N4 - N7, N11 - N14 N18 - N21, N25 - N28 D2 - D5, D9 - D12 D16 - D19	
		S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	166
	Antlered	O1 - N3	■ (Wed – Sat only) N4 - N7, N11 - N14 N18 - N21, N25 - N28	108, 128, 130
	Antlerless	S9 - N3	■ (Wed – Sat only) N4 - N7, N11 - N14 N18 - N21, N25 - N28	108, 128, 130
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	■ S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless		■ S9 - S23 ■ S24 - O8 ■ O9 - O23	102

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless		■ S9 - S30 ■ O1 - O24 ■ O25 - N16 ■ N17 - D20	104, 108, (124, 144, 148, 150, 151)
			■ N1 - N30	(164, 166, 208) ³

Additional hunting opportunities in the Prairie WMUs:

- Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence, Antelope Archery Special Licence, Non-trophy Antelope Special Licence and Trophy Antelope Special Licence. Refer to page 59 for season dates or to the **2009 Alberta Hunting Draws** booklet for further details.
- Cypress Hills Elk Archery Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 1 elk, either antlered or antlerless, with a bow and arrow in WMUs 116, 118 and 119 during the archery season, S9 - O17.

- ¹ The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence will be issued with 2 tags and is valid only in WMUs 150, 151, 162 and 163.
- ² Archery hunters can hunt antlered and antlerless mule deer under the authority of a Mule Deer Licence during the primitive weapon seasons.
- ³ Holders of this licence may hunt in WMU 164 Wed.–Sat., in WMU 166 Mon.–Sat., and in WMU 208 Mon.–Sun.

BIG GAME SEASONS

Parkland WMUs (200 Series & 728, 730, 936)

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Archery Only Seasons are those where only a bow and arrow may be used to hunt.

General Seasons are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

- Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2009 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Sunday hunting for big game is prohibited in WMUs 728, 730 and 936.

Note: It is a mandatory requirement to submit the heads of deer harvested from specific WMUs for CWD testing and research purposes. See page 70 for details.

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer ¹	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - O31	N1 - N30	203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 258, 260
		S9 - N30		212, 248
		O17 - O31	N9 - N30	936 ²
		S9 - O14	O15 - O31 (Primitive Weapon – muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow, bow & arrow)	200, 234, 236, 256
			N1 - D20	
		S9 - O31	N1 - D20	202, 232
	Antlered	S9 - N3	(Wed – Sat only) N4 - N7, N11 - N14 N18 - N21, N25 - N28	210
	Antlerless	S9 - N3	■ (Wed – Sat only) N4 - N7, N11 - N14 N18 - N21, N25 - N28	210
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 252, 254, 258, 260
		S9 - N3	■ (Wed – Sat only) N4 - N7, N11 - N14 N18 - N21, N25 - N28	210

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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - O31	■ N1 - D20	202, 232
	Antlered	S9 - O14	■ O15 - O31 ¹¹ (Primitive Weapon – muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow, bow & arrow)	200, 234, 236, 256
			■ N1 - D20	
	Antlerless	S9 - O14 ⁹	O15 - O31 ¹⁰ (Primitive Weapon – muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow, bow & arrow)	200, 234, 236, 256
			N1 - D20 ¹⁰	
	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - N30		212, 248
	Antlered	S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	250
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	■ S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 258, 260
		■ S9 - O14	■ O15 - O31 (Primitive Weapon – muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow, bow & arrow)	200, 234, 236, 256
			■ N1 - N30	
		S9 - N30		212, 248
			■ N26 - D12 ³	728, 730
		■ O17 - O31	■ N1 - N23	936 ²
	Antlerless		■ (Mon. – Fri. only) O25 - D7 ⁴	248 (Strathcona County portion only)
	Antlerless (calf only)		■ N26 - D12 ³	728, 730
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - N30		212, 248
			■ N26 - D12 ³	728, 730
		■ O17 - O31	■ N1 - N23	936 ²
		S9 - O31	■ N1 - D20 and J12 - F21, 2010	(200, 202, 203, 232, 234) ¹²
	Antlered (3-point or larger) ⁵	S9 - O24	O25 - N30	214
		S9 - O31	N1 - N30	216, 221, 224
	Antlerless	S9 - O31	■ N1 - D20	224
		S9 - O24	■ O25 - N20 ■ N21 - D20	214
	Antlerless	S9 - O31	■ N1 - N25 ■ N26 - D20	216, 221
			■ D1 - D20 ■ J4 - J22, 2010 Mon. - Fri. only (Primitive Weapon – muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow, bow & arrow)	212

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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Black Bear ⁶	Fall 2009	S9 - N30		212
			S9 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
	Spring 2010 ⁷	Ap1 - Ma31		212
			Ap1 - Ma31	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260
Cougar ⁸	Not Applicable		D1 - F28	216

- ¹ The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence will be issued with 2 tags and is valid only in WMUs 200-208, 214-246 and 250-260.
- ² Hunters (including bowhunters) require a Firearms Discharge Permit to hunt in WMU 936. Self-registration discharge permits are no longer available. Hunters must contact the Cooking Lake/Blackfoot Grazing, Wildlife and Recreation Area office at **780-922-3293** for information on requirements to obtain the discharge permit. In WMU 936, vehicle access is permitted to the Staging Areas only. Horses are permitted only on designated trails and in open pastures. General area access is by muscular power only (Bicycle or Walking).
- ³ From N26 - N28, this season is open only by means of archery or muzzle loader.
- ⁴ This season is open only by means of archery, cross-bow, muzzle loader or shotgun.
- ⁵ See page 38 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk.
- ⁶ The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMU 224, 250, 258 and 260.
- ⁷ The spring 2010 season requires a new year licence.
- ⁸ The cougar season in specific WMUs may close prior to the closing date on this table. There is a male quota and a female quota. If either the male quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached the season will remain open until the other quota is filled. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll-free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 p.m., hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.
- ⁹ This season applies to licence holders of a Mule Deer Licence and/or a Supplemental Antlerless Mule Deer Licence.
- ¹⁰ This season applies to licence holders of a Supplemental Antlerless Mule Deer Licence.
- ¹¹ Archery hunters can hunt antlered mule deer under the authority of a Mule Deer Licence during the primitive weapon season.
- ¹² Holders of this licence may hunt using a Primitive Weapon (muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow or bow and arrow) from Oct. 15 - Oct. 31 in WMUs 200 and 234 only.

Additional hunting opportunities in the Parkland WMUs:

- Antlerless Deer (WMUs 212 & 248) Licence. Holders of this licence may kill two antlerless deer, either white-tailed deer or mule deer, with a bow and arrow (but not a cross-bow) in WMUs 212 and 248 during the archery-only season, S9 – N30.
- Foothills Deer Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 2 antlerless deer, either white-tailed deer or mule deer, with a bow and arrow, cross-bow, shotgun, or muzzle loader in WMU 212 on the following dates: D1 – D20 (Monday to Friday only). When hunting, they must carry written permission from the landowner involved.
- WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Archery Licence. Holders of this licence may kill 1 antlerless elk with a bow and arrow (but not a cross-bow) in WMU 212 during the archery only season, S9 – N30.
- Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence. Refer to page 59 for season dates or the **2009 Alberta Hunting Draws** booklet for further details.
- Strathcona White-tailed Deer Licence. Holders of this licence may kill **three** white-tailed deer, only 1 of which may be antlered, with a bow and arrow, cross-bow, muzzle loader or shotgun in that portion of WMU 248 within the Counties of Strathcona and Leduc only from Mondays to Fridays between the following dates: O25 – D7. Information about this hunt is available from the Fish and Wildlife Division district office in Edmonton and from Strathcona County Hall, 2001 Sherwood Drive, Sherwood Park.

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Archery Only Seasons are those where only a bow and arrow may be used to hunt.

General Seasons are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2009 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer ¹	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - O31	N1 - N30	310, 312, 314, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348
		S9 - O24	O25 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 360
	Antlered	A25 - S23	S24 - N30	316
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	358, 359
		S9 - O31	N1 - N30	318, 320
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	N1 - N7	358, 359
		A25 - S23	N1 - N30	316
		S9 - O31	N1 - N7	318, 320
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	310, 312, 314, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 348
		S9 - O24	■ O25 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	326, 346, 358
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	339, 340, 342, 344, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356
		A25 - S23	S24 - N30	316
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	328, 330, 357, 359, 360
		S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	338
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - D20	357, 359, 360
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	316, 337
		■ S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	310, 312, 314, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336
	Antlered	A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		■ S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	348
		S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	338
		■ S9 - O24	■ O25 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 306, 308
		■ A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	326, 328, 330
	Antlerless	A25 - S23	■ S24 - N30	352, 353*, 355
		■ A25 - S23	■ N1 - N30	357
	Antlerless (calf only)	A25 - S23	■ S24 - N30	354
		■ A25 - S23	■ N1 - N30	359, 360

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Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Elk	Antlered (3-point or larger) ²	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		S9 - O24	O25 - N30	302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
		S9 - O31	N1 - N30	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - D20	340, 342, 344*, 357, 358, 359, 360
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	330, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356
		S9 - O24	■ O25 - D20	302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310
		S9 - O31	■ N1 - D20	334, 336, 337
		S9 - O31	■ N1 - N25 ■ N26 - D20	318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 338*, 348
		S9 - O24	■ O25 - N20 ■ N21 - D20	312, 314
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N25 ■ N26 - D20	346
Trophy Sheep ³	Resident		A25 - O31	326, 328 ⁴
			S9 - O31	302 ⁴ , 303, 306, 308
Black Bear ^{5,6}	Fall 2009	A25 - S8	S9 - N30	344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	326, 328, 330, 339, 340, 342
		S9 - S23	S24 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
			S9 - N30	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348
	Spring 2010 ⁷		Ap1 - Ma15	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314
			Ap1 - Ma31	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 348
			Ap17 - Ju15	344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
Cougar ⁸	Not Applicable		D1 - F28	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356

* The special licence season for antlerless moose in WMU 353 and antlerless elk in WMUs 338 and 344 applies only to a portion of the WMU.

¹ The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence will be issued with 2 tags and is valid only in WMUs 310-314, 322-326, 330-357 and 360.

² See page 38 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk.

³ Hunting sheep is prohibited in several areas. See Restricted Areas for Trophy and Non-trophy Sheep on page 35.

⁴ WMUs 302 and 328 are open only for full-curl rams.

⁵ The baiting of black bears is permitted in WMUs 320, 322, 324, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348, 358, 359, 360, and portions of 357.

⁶ The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 320-360.

⁷ The spring 2010 season requires a new year licence.

⁸ The cougar season in specific WMUs may close prior to the closing date on this table. There is a male quota and a female quota. If either the male quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached the season will remain open until the other quota is filled. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll-free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 p.m., hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

Additional hunting opportunities in the Foothills WMUs:

- WMU 300 Elk Special Licence and Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence. Refer to page 59 for season dates or to the *2009 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for further details.

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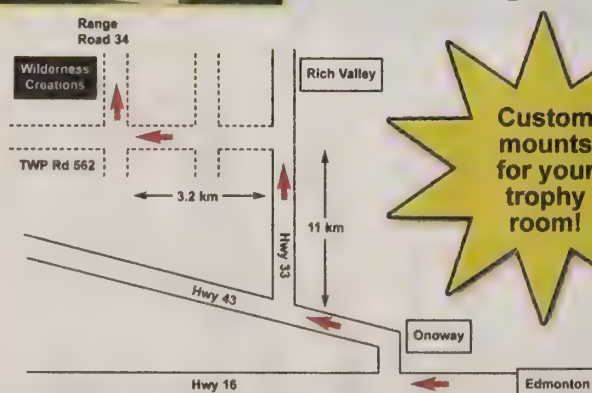
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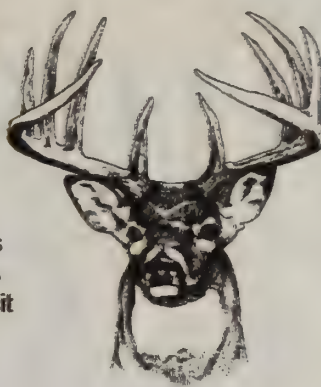
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06	4:40	8:52	4:10	8:28	4:40	9:22	4:22	8:45	4:31	9:03	4:28
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05	4:47	8:50	4:17	8:28	4:46	9:20	4:29	8:44	4:38	9:01	4:36
02	4:54	8:47	4:25	8:26	4:52	9:17	4:37	8:41	4:45	8:58	4:43
58	5:02	8:42	4:33	8:23	4:59	9:11	4:46	8:37	4:52	8:54	4:51
52	5:11	8:36	4:42	8:18	5:07	9:05	4:56	8:32	5:01	8:48	5:00
46	5:20	8:29	4:52	8:13	5:15	8:57	5:06	8:26	5:10	8:41	5:10
38	5:30	8:21	5:02	8:06	5:23	8:48	5:17	8:19	5:19	8:33	5:19
35	5:34	8:17	5:06	8:04	5:27	8:45	5:22	8:16	5:23	8:30	5:24
28	5:41	8:10	5:15	7:58	5:34	8:37	5:31	8:09	5:30	8:23	5:32
18	5:51	8:00	5:25	7:50	5:42	8:26	5:42	8:00	5:39	8:13	5:42
08	6:01	7:49	5:35	7:41	5:51	8:15	5:53	7:50	5:49	8:03	5:52
58	6:11	7:38	5:46	7:32	5:59	8:03	6:04	7:40	5:58	7:52	6:02
47	6:21	7:27	5:56	7:22	6:08	7:51	6:15	7:30	6:08	7:40	6:12

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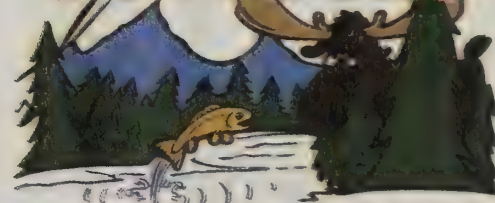
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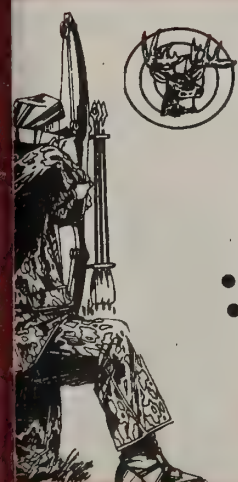
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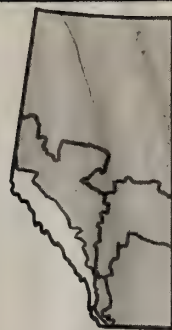
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Mountain WMUs (400 Series)

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General Seasons are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2009 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Sunday hunting for big game is prohibited in WMUs 400 – 414, except during the month of November.

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer ¹	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - S23	■ S24 - N30	404, 406, 408
		S9 - N30		410
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434
		S9 - S23	S24 - N30	400, 402
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	N1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434
		S9 - S23	N1 - N15	400, 402
		A25 - S16	N1 - N15	429
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - S23	■ S24 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
		S9 - N30		410
	Antlered	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	412, 414, 432, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - S23	■ S24 - N30	404, 406
		S9 - N30		410
	Antlered	A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31	412, 414
		A25 - S23	■ S24 - N30	416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		■ A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	429
		S9 - S23	■ S24 - N30	408
		■ S9 - S16	■ S17 - N30	400, 402
Elk	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - N30		410
	Antlered (6-point or larger) ² and Antlerless	S9 - S16	■ S17 - N30	404, 406, 408
	Antlered (6-point or larger) ²	A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 428, 430
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	412, 414, 426, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	Antlered (3-point or larger) ²	A25 - S16	S17 - N30	429
		S9 - S16	S17 - N30	400, 402
	Antlerless	S9 - S16	■ S17 - N30	400, 402
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	438*, 439, 441*, 444*
Goat	Not Applicable		■ S10 - O31	440, 442, 444
			■ S17 - O31	400

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Trophy Sheep ⁵	Resident	S9 - O31		410
		■ S9 - N30		410
			■ A25 - S23 ■ S24 - O31	437
			■ N1 - N10 ■ N11 - N20 ■ N21 - N30	438 ¹¹
			A25 - O31	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429 ⁶ , 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444 ³ , 445
			■ A25 - O31	444 ⁴ , 446
			S9 - O31	400 ⁶ , 402, 404, 406, 408
		■ N1 - N30		408 (west of Highway 40)
	Non-resident and Non-resident Alien ⁷	■ S9 - N30		410
			■ S1 - O15	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444 ³ , 445
Black Bear ⁸	Fall 2009	A25 - S8	S9 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	429
		S9 - N30		410
			S9 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
	Spring 2010 ⁹	Ap1 - Ma31		410
			Ap1 - Ma15	400, 402, 404, 406, 408
			Ap1 - Ma31	429
			Ap17 - Jul5	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
Cougar ¹⁰	Not Applicable	D1 - F28		410
			D1 - F28	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446

* The draw season for antlerless elk in WMU 438, 441 and 444 applies only to a portion of the WMU. See draw booklet for maps.

¹ The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence will be issued with 2 tags and is valid only in WMUs 436-446.

² See page 38 for descriptions of 3-point or larger elk and 6-point or larger elk.

³ The season for trophy sheep in WMU 444 applies only to the portion south of the Beaverdam Road.

⁴ The draw season for trophy sheep in WMU 444 applies only to the portion north of the Beaverdam Road.

⁵ Hunting of sheep is prohibited in several areas. See Restricted Areas for trophy and non-trophy sheep on page 35.

⁶ WMUs 400 and 429 are open only for full-curl rams.

⁷ These seasons are only valid for hunters who have obtained Trophy Sheep Special Licences through a Class S Outfitter-guide or through a draw (Non-resident [Canadians] only).

⁸ The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 429 and 445.

⁹ The spring 2010 season requires a new year licence.

¹⁰ The cougar season in specific WMUs may close prior to the closing date on this table. There is a male quota and a female quota. If either the male quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached the season will remain open until the other quota is filled. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll-free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 p.m., hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.

¹¹ The draw season for trophy sheep is valid in Area 438C (See *2009 Alberta Hunting Draws Booklet*).

Additional hunting opportunities in the Mountain WMUs:

- Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence, Trophy Sheep Special Licence (portion of WMU 408 lying west of Highway 40 or in WMU 446 and that portion of WMU 444 north of Beaverdam Road or in WMU 438C). Refer to page 59 for season dates or to the *2009 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for further details.

Boreal WMUs (500 Series & 841)

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Archery Only Seasons are those where only a bow and arrow may be used to hunt.

General Seasons are those where either a firearm, cross-bow or a bow and arrow may be used.

■ Indicates seasons that apply only to hunters with applicable Special Licences. Refer to the 2009 Alberta Hunting Draws booklet for details.

Bison – In the area west of highway 35 and north of the Chinchaga River and the Keg River Metis Settlement, bison is a protected species. No one is allowed to hunt bison in this area, except under the authority of a Bison Special Licence.

Note: It is a mandatory requirement to submit the heads of deer harvested from specific WMUs for CWD testing and research purposes. See page 70 for details.

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
White-tailed Deer ¹	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - O31	N1 - N30	501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
		A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 540, 541, 542, 544
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	521, 523, 526, 527, 535, 537
		S9 - O14	O15 - O31 (Primitive Weapon – muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow, bow & arrow)	500
	Antlered		N1 - D20	
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	522, 526, 527, 535, 537
	Antlerless		S17 - N30	841
		A25 - S16	N1 - N7	522
Mule Deer	Antlered and Antlerless		N1 - N30	841
		A25 - S16	N1 - N30	
	Antlered	S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	501, 502, 504, 505, 507, 508, 509, 510
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	537
		A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 536, 539, 540, 541, 542, 544
		A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535
		S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	503, 506
			S17 - N30	841
	Antlerless	S9 - O14	■ O15 - O31 ¹¹ (Primitive Weapon – muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow, bow & arrow)	500
			■ N1 - D20	
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - D20	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
	Antlerless	S9 - O14 ⁹	O15 - O31 ¹⁰ (Primitive Weapon – muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow, bow & arrow)	500
			N1 - D20 ¹⁰	
Moose	Antlered and Antlerless	S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	501, 502, 503, 504, 506, 509
		■ S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	507, 508
		S9 - O14	■ O15 - O31 (Primitive Weapon – muzzle loader, shotgun, cross-bow, bow & arrow)	500
			■ N1 - N30	

Species	Type	SEASON		WMUs
		Archery Only	General	
Moose	Antlered		■ S17 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	841
		A25 - S23	■ S24 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 537
		A25 - A31	■ S1 - O31 ■ N1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 536, 541, 542, 544
		A25 - A31	■ S1 - O31	517, 518, 529, 530
			N1 - N30 ²	517, 518, 529, 530
		S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	505, 510
		A25 - A31	■ S1 - N30 ³	531, 532, 534, 539, 540
	Antlerless (calf only)	S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	505, 510
		■ A25 - S23	■ N1 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
Elk	Antlered (6-point or larger) ⁴	S9 - O31	■ N1 - N30	509
	Antlered (3-point or larger) ⁴	S9 - O31	N1 - N30	504, 505, 506, 507, 510, 511
		A25 - S16	S17 - N30	520, 521, 522, 523, 527
	Antlerless	A25 - S16	■ S17 - D20	520, 521, 522, 523, 526, 527
		S9 - O31	■ N1 - D20	504, 505, 506, 507, 509, 510, 511
	Antlered	A25 - S16	■ S17 - N30	526
Black Bear ^{5,6}	Fall 2009	A25 - A31	S1 - N30	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 541, 542, 544
		A25 - S8	S9 - N30	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
			S9 - N30	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
			S17 - N30	841
	Spring 2010 ⁷		Ap1 - Ma15	841
			Ap1 - Ma31	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510
			Ap17 - Jul5	511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 541, 542, 544
Cougar ⁸	Not Applicable		D1 - F28	505, 507, 509, 510

- ¹ The Supplemental Antlerless White-tailed Deer Licence will be issued with 2 tags and is valid only in WMUs 500-514, 516-531 and 534-544.
- ² Hunters with Antlered Moose Special Licences obtained through a draw are not eligible to hunt during this season.
- ³ If hunting with an Outfitter-Guide, hunters should note these WMUs are split into two seasons: Sept. 1 – Oct. 31 or Nov. 1 – Nov. 30.
- ⁴ See page 38 for description of 3-point or larger elk and 6-point or larger elk.
- ⁵ The baiting of black bears is permitted in WMUs 500-507, 509, 510, 512-520, 522, 523, 526, 529-536, 539-542 and portions of 521, 528 and 544.
- ⁶ The Supplemental Black Bear Licence is valid in WMUs 500-544 and 841.
- ⁷ The spring 2010 season requires a new year licence.
- ⁸ The cougar season in specific WMUs may close prior to the closing date on this table. There is a male quota and a female quota. If either the male quota or the female quota for those WMUs is reached the season will remain open until the other quota is filled. Before hunting cougars in any WMU, hunters must ensure that the season in that WMU remains open, by calling the toll-free cougar hotline (1-800-661-3729) and listening to the message listing current closures. The hotline is updated regularly, and, by calling after 4:30 p.m., hunters can confirm which units will be open the next day.
- ⁹ This season applies to licence holders of a Mule Deer Licence and/or a Supplemental Antlerless Mule Deer Licence.
- ¹⁰ This season applies to licence holders of a Supplemental Antlerless Mule Deer Licence.
- ¹¹ Archery hunters can hunt antlered mule deer under the authority of a Mule Deer Licence during the primitive weapon season.

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL LICENCE DRAW HUNTS

Season Dates And Locations (refer to page 15 for month abbreviations)

Non-trophy Sheep Special Licence

Areas 416, 418A*, 418B*, 420, 422A*, 426A*, 430A*, 430B*, 432, 434A*, 434B*, 437, 438A*, 438C*, 438D*, 440, 442, 444, 445A*, 445B*, 446	S9 - O31
Areas (402 - 303, 306)*, 402 - 308*, 402A*, 406A*, 406B*, 408A*, 408B*	S9 - O31
Area 410	S9 - N30

* These areas comprise either a portion of one WMU or all of one WMU and a portion of an adjacent WMU. See descriptions in the *2009 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet.

Camp Wainwright Deer Special Licence (WMUs 728 and 730)

Primitive Weapons	N26 - N28
Rifle	N30 - D2, D3 - D5, D7 - D9, D10 - D12

Antelope Archery Special Licence

WMUs 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166	S9 - S26
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Trophy Antelope Special Licence

WMUs 138, 142, 144, 150, 151, 152, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166	S28 - O3
WMUs 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 140, 148	O19 - O24

Non-trophy Antelope Special Licence

WMUs 128, 140	O22 - O24, O26 - O28
WMUs 150, 151, 152, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166	O1 - O3, O8 - O10

Cypress Hills Elk Special Licence

WMUs 116, 118, 119 and 624	Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri. only, N3 - N27
WMUs 116, 118 and 119	Tue., Wed., Thu., Fri. only, D1, 2009 - J8, 2010

WMU 300 Elk Special Licence

S9 - O24, O25 - D24, D25 - F21, 2010

Bison Special Licence - WMUs 536 and 539 excluding Core Bison Protection Area

J1 - F28, 2010

Refer to the *2009 Alberta Hunting Draws* booklet for details on what seasons will be open and how to apply for special licences that will be available in the fall 2009 and spring 2010.

OTHER SPECIES

Season Dates and Locations

NOTE: It is unlawful, with the following exceptions, to allow the pelt of any furbearing animal to be wasted:

It is not legally necessary to salvage pelts of 1) furbearing animals taken in accordance with regulations authorizing control of problem wildlife, or 2) coyotes harvested, by residents, outside of public lands in the Green Area.

Timber Wolf - A Resident may, without a licence, hunt (but not trap) timber wolf from the opening of any big game season in a particular WMU to May 31, 2010, or until June 15, 2010 in WMUs where black bear seasons are open until June 15, 2010.

A Non-resident or Non-resident Alien who holds a Non-resident/Non-resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Licence may hunt (but not trap) timber wolf from the opening of any big game season in a particular WMU to May 31, 2010, or until June 15, 2010 in WMUs where black bear seasons are open until June 15, 2010.

It is unlawful to use bait to hunt wolves during spring black bear seasons where baiting is not allowed for black bear (see page 43).

Coyote - A Resident may, without a licence and on land to which he or she has the right of access, hunt (but not trap) coyote at all times of the year throughout the province, except as follows:

- 1) on public lands in the Green Area, only from October 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010, and
- 2) in Camp Wainwright (WMUs 728 and 730), only from January 4, 2010 to February 28, 2010.

See page 32 for information on coyote hunting for control of livestock predation.

Subject to the exception (*) below, a Non-resident or Non-resident Alien who holds a valid Non-resident/Non-resident Alien Wolf/Coyote Licence may hunt coyote on lands to which he or she has the right of access at all times of the year throughout the province - except on public lands in the Green Area where the season is from October 1, 2009 to February 28, 2010.

*Exception: if a big game season (other than a cougar season) is open in the area he or she is hunting, then a Non-resident or Non-resident Alien who holds a big game licence may hunt coyote only in the WMU or area where their big game licence is valid.

Red Fox and Badger - A Resident may, without a licence and at all times of the year, hunt (but not trap) red fox and hunt badger on any privately owned land to which he or she has the right of access.

Bobcat - A resident may, without a licence from November 1 - February 28, 2010, hunt (but not trap) bobcat in WMUs 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 116, 118, 119 and in the portion of WMU 110 that lies east of highway 2 and south of highway 3. The use of dogs is prohibited. All kills must be registered at a Fish and Wildlife office (see page 16).

Other Animals - Porcupine, rabbit, hare, skunk, raccoon and woodchuck may be hunted, but not trapped*, without a licence throughout the province, at all times of the year.

* The trapping of rabbit, hare, skunk and raccoon is authorized without a licence under some circumstances. Please refer to the *2009 Alberta Guide to Trapping Regulations*, available in September 2009.

HUNTING WITH CROSS-BOWS

Since the fall season of 2002, cross-bows are no longer "prohibited" for hunting wildlife in Alberta, although there may be federal licensing requirements. See page 20 for federal government contact information. Cross-bows may not be used to hunt big game during archery-only seasons. The only exception is for an eligible handicapped hunter who has obtained a cross-bow licence.

A Bowhunting Permit, as required by bowhunters using conventional archery equipment, is **not** required by persons who are hunting with

cross-bows.

In accordance with federal regulations, cross-bows may not be used for waterfowl hunting.

Persons hunting big game with a cross-bow must use an authorized cross-bow and arrow (bolt). An authorized cross-bow is one that requires 100 pounds or more of pull to draw the string or cable to its cocked position. There is no restriction on arrow length however it must have a tip as described under the heading "Bowhunting" on page 39-40.

GAME BIRD REGULATIONS

Falconry Hunting

Falconers are permitted to hunt upland game birds and migratory birds, by means of falconry, in all areas of the province except in national parks and those restricted areas identified on pages 33 through 36.

To hunt any game birds by means of falconry, a Resident holder of a Recreational Falconry Permit requires a WIN Card and a Wildlife Certificate, plus

- a Game Bird Licence to hunt grouse, partridge or ptarmigan;
- a Game Bird Licence and a Pheasant Licence to hunt pheasant, or
- a Game Bird Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt waterfowl.

To hunt any game birds by means of falconry, a Non-resident (Canadian) hunter requires an Import permit, a WIN Card and a Wildlife Certificate, plus

- either a Game Bird Licence or 3-Day Game Bird Licence to hunt grouse, partridge or ptarmigan;
- either a Game Bird Licence or a 3-Day Game Bird Licence, and a Pheasant Licence to hunt pheasant, or
- either a Game Bird Licence or a 3-Day Game Bird Licence, and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt waterfowl.

To hunt any game birds by means of falconry, a Non-resident Alien hunter requires an Import permit, a WIN Card and a Wildlife Certificate, plus

- an Upland Game Bird Licence to hunt grouse, partridge or ptarmigan;
- an Upland Game Bird Licence and a Pheasant Licence to hunt pheasant, or
- a 6-Day Waterfowl Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt waterfowl.

Seasons

The open season to hunt upland game birds by means of falconry is from August 15, 2009 to March 31, 2010 (Sundays included). Migratory game birds may be hunted by means of falconry during the designated open season for migratory birds (Sundays included) (pages 62 to 68).

Bowhunting

Hunters wishing to hunt game birds with a bow and arrow, other than a cross-bow, require a Bowhunting Permit in addition to the other applicable licences.

IN ALBERTA

SAGE GROUSE ARE PROTECTED!

Sage grouse are listed as an endangered species in Alberta. If you hunt upland game birds within the range of sage grouse, be sure your target is not a sage grouse.

Designated Pheasant Release Sites

The operation of the pheasant hatchery at Brooks was privatized in April 2000 with a non-government partnership, the Canadian Pheasant Company. For more information about the pheasant release program, please contact the Canadian Pheasant Company (403-362-4122). During the open season for male pheasants, the hunting of game birds, including pheasants, is not permitted in the following designated pheasant release sites after 2:00 p.m. on any day, except Saturdays.

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- 152 Millicent Buck for Wildlife Project (NE19 and 30-20-13-W4)
- 206 Buffalo Lake Buck for Wildlife Project (9 and SW10-40-21-W4)
- 210 Bigelow Buck for Wildlife Project (3, E9, SW10 & LSD 12 and 13 of 10-34-25-W4)

Merriam's Turkey Draw

Merriam's Turkey Special Licences are issued through a draw. Licences will be valid in all of WMU 300-308, 400 and 402. The season is from May 1 to May 31, 2010 with a bag limit of one bearded Merriam's turkey per special licence holder. Hunters interested in this hunt must have applied in the draw by June 25, 2009.

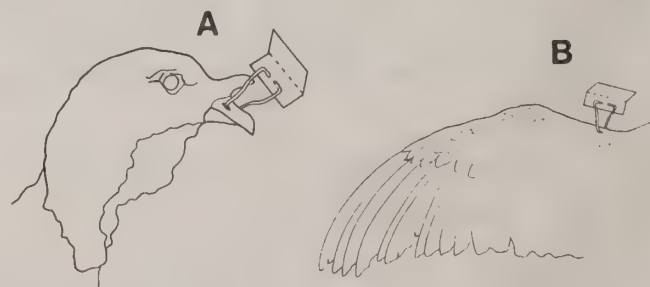
Each Merriam's turkey harvested must be tagged

- immediately after the bird is killed, and
- in the manner described below with the paper tag supplied with each licence. All instructions on the back of the paper tag must be followed.

Tags must remain affixed until the carcass is delivered to

- the usual residence of the person who killed it, and is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption, or
- to a premises in respect of which there is a Food Establishment Permit issued under the *Public Health Act* or Licence for the Operation of an Abattoir issued under the *Meat Inspection Act*.

Merriam's Turkey Tagging Instructions



Tagging Instructions: (A) place wire through the nares, or (B) through the patagium between the tendon and the bones of the wing.

Please refer to items 2, 12 and 13 of Prohibitions, Game Bird section (page 19) for additional requirements concerning weapons and evidence of sex and species for Merriam's turkey.

West Nile Virus

Are hunters at risk of West Nile virus when handling hunter-killed birds?

Health officials advise that there is no evidence or reason to believe that there is any risk of getting West Nile virus from handling hunter-killed birds in Alberta. Free-flying birds are unlikely to contain sufficient virus to pass on an infection. In addition, the only evidence of direct transfer of West Nile virus from birds to humans without going through a mosquito are two accidental infections when lab technicians were handling heavily infected crows. Similarly, hunting dogs are not at risk when retrieving hunter-killed birds.

Hunters are advised to take precautions against being bitten by mosquitoes, which are common in wetland habitats and are active at dawn and dusk when temperatures are suitable for insect activity.

Special Hunting Areas

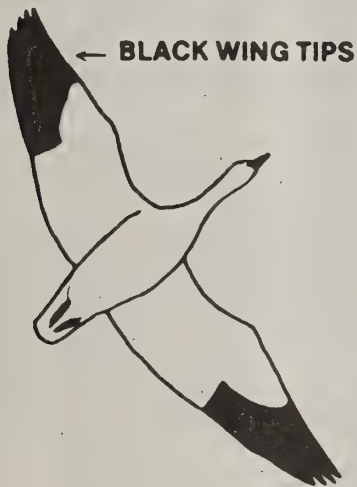
In WMUs 212 and 248 the hunting of game birds is only permitted with bows and arrows, cross-bows, shotguns or a falconry bird.

In WMU 410 the hunting of game birds is permitted only with bows and arrows or a falconry bird.

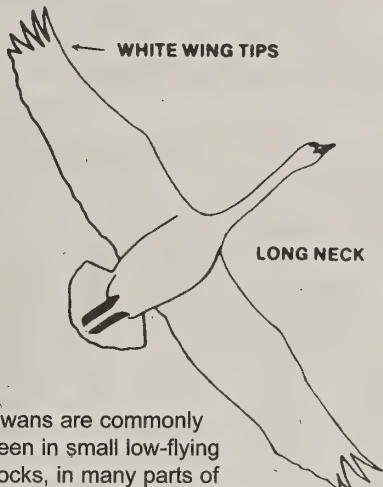
Please Remember

Federal regulations prohibit the use of lead shot or cross-bows for hunting waterfowl.

All birds are protected except the following: Starlings, Crows, Pigeons, House (English) Sparrows, Magpies, Blackbirds, Common Grackles, Brown-headed Cowbirds, Ravens (hunted on private land by residents) and any other birds for which an open season has been declared by the regulations as indicated in this summary.



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Swans are commonly seen in small low-flying flocks, in many parts of Alberta during the late fall.

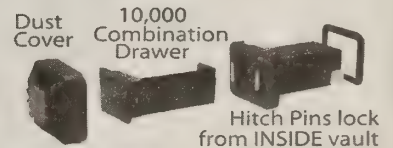
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The first Saturday and Sunday in September are designated as Waterfowler Heritage Days in southern Alberta Prairie WMUs 100 series, and WMUs 210, 212, 214, 300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312 and 314. Within the applicable WMUs, minors (age 12-17) may hunt waterfowl on these dates without a licence (provincial or federal) provided they are qualified to do so (see Licensing requirements for first-time hunters, page 20) and are accompanied by a migratory game bird hunting permit holder who is not a minor. The adult permit holder may not have in their possession or use a firearm, or accompany more than 2 minors at one time.



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GAME BIRD BAG LIMITS

Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Species	Daily Limit	Possession Limit	Requirements
Male Pheasant	2	6	Snow Goose and Ross' Goose	20	60	(a) of which not more than five (5) may be white-fronted geese for resident and non-resident Canadians.
Ruffed Grouse	10	20	Canada Goose and White-fronted Goose	8 (a,f)	16 (b,g)	(b) of which not more than ten (10) may be white-fronted geese for resident and non-resident Canadians.
Sharp-tailed Grouse	5	10				(c) of which not more than four (4) may be a pintail.
Ptarmigan	5	20	Ducks	8 (c)	16 (d)	(d) of which not more than eight (8) may be pintails.
Blue Grouse	5	10	Common Snipe	10	20	(e) may be hunted with Special Licence only.
Spruce Grouse	10	20	Coot	10	20	(f) of which not more than three (3) may be white-fronted geese for non-resident aliens.
Gray Partridge	6	18	Merriam's Turkey	1 (e)	1 (e)	(g) of which not more than six (6) may be white-fronted geese for non-resident aliens.

GAME BIRD SEASONS



Prairie WMUs (100 Series)

See page 15 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	O15 - N30	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S15 - N30	108, 110, 132, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - O31	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166
Gray Partridge	S15 - N30	
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geesé (including falconry hunting)	S8 - D21	102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 116, 118, 119, 124, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 148, 150, 151, 152, 156, 158, 160, 162, 163, 164, 166



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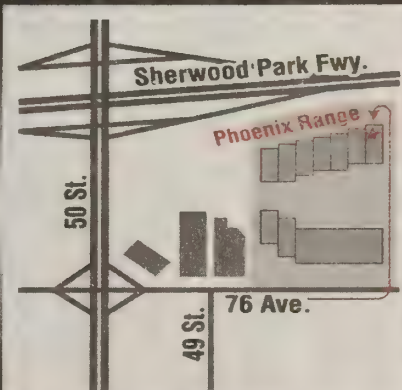
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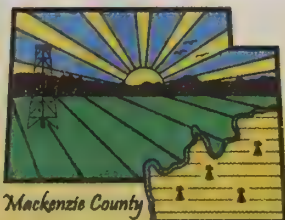


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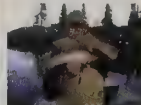
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See page 15 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.



Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	O15 - N15	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 ¹
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S15 - N30	
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - N15	214, 216, 221, 224
	O1 - O31	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 220, 222, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 ¹
Gray Partridge	S15 - N30	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 ¹
Ruffed and Sharp-tailed Grouse (Camp Wainwright) ²	S5 - S7	728, 730
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	200, 202, 203, 204, 206, 208, 216, 220, 221, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 936 ¹
	S8 - D21	210, 212, 214

Hunters (including bowhunters) require a Firearms Discharge Permit to hunt in WMU 936. Self-registration discharge permits are no longer available. All hunters for WMU 936 are required to attend a safety orientation prior to receiving their discharge permit. Please contact the Cooking Lake/Blackfoot Grazing, Wildlife and Recreation Area office, (780-922-3293) in order to receive information regarding orientation dates and requirements for obtaining your discharge permit.

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Foothills WMUs (300 Series)

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See page 15 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.



Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	S1 - O31	350, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	O15 - N15	300, 302, 304, 305, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 348, 349
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	316, 318, 344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 348
Blue Grouse	S1 - N30	316, 318, 326, 328, 344, 347, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 324, 339, 340, 342
Sharp-tailed Grouse	S1 - N30	344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 351, 352
	O1 - O31	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	O1 - N15	310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 348
Ptarmigan	S1 - D15	316, 318, 355, 356
Gray Partridge	S1 - N30	344, 346, 347, 349, 350, 352, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
	S15 - N30	300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 320, 322, 324, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 340, 342, 348
Merriam's Turkey	■ 2010 Ma1 - Ma31	300-308, 400 and 402 (see page 60).
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 342, 344, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360
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GAME BIRD SEASONS



Mountain WMUs (400 Series)

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Species	Season	WMUs
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 429
Blue Grouse	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 429
Sharp-tailed Grouse	O1 - O31	400, 402
Ptarmigan	S1 - N30	412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446
	S15 - N30	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 417, 418, 420, 422, 426, 428, 429, 430, 432, 434, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 444, 445, 446

GAME BIRD SEASONS



Boreal WMUs (500 Series & 841)

See page 15 for definitions of month abbreviations used in seasons.

Species	Season	WMUs
Male Pheasants	S1 - O31	511, 521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 535, 544
	O15 - N15	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 514, 515
Ruffed and Spruce Grouse	S1 - N30	501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 509, 510, 511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 541, 542, 544
	S15 - N30	500, 507, 508, 841
Sharp-tailed Grouse	S1 - N30	511, 512, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 524, 525, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 541, 542, 544
	O1 - O31	521, 522, 523, 526, 527
	O1 - N15	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 514, 515, 841
Ptarmigan	S1 - D15	518, 519, 520, 524, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 541, 542, 544

Game Bird Seasons in BOREAL WMUs continued on next page

Species	Season	WMUs
Gray Partridge	S1 - N30	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 509, 510, 511, 514, 515, 521, 522, 523, 526, 527, 544
	S15 - N30	507, 508
Ducks, Coots, Common Snipe, White-fronted and Canada Geese and Snow and Ross' Geese (including falconry hunting)	S1 - D16	500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 534, 535, 536, 537, 539, 540, 541, 542, 544
	S15 - D16	841

GAME MANAGEMENT

Marked Wildlife

Some species of wildlife are banded, collared or marked by other means in an ongoing effort to gain additional population biology information. You can assist and cooperate in these programs by reporting encounters with any marked animal to the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 16).

Some of these marked wildlife, as well as certain nuisance animals (e.g., some black bears), may have received drugs for research purposes or to facilitate their capture and handling. Any such animal will be marked with a tag advising that the meat of the animal should not be consumed before contacting the Fish and Wildlife Division of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development.

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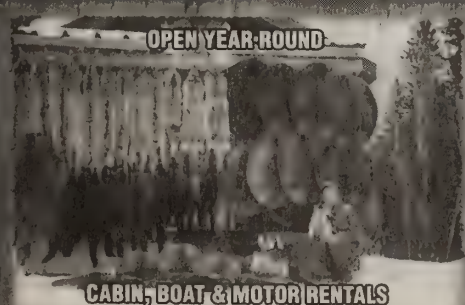
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If the information provided concerns a resource violation and results in the laying of a charge, the reporter may be eligible for a reward. If you have any questions about this program, please contact the nearest Fish and Wildlife Division office (page 16).

Wild Game Public Health Advisory

The wild game public health advisory for the Swan Hills area – originally issued on December 13, 1996, by the Provincial Health Officer – has been revised as a result of more extensive wild game testing. While recent test results confirm that eating wild game from the Swan Hills area poses no immediate threat to human health, it is recommended that individuals limit the amount of wild game eaten.

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Chronic wasting disease (CWD) is a chronic degenerative and ultimately fatal prion disease of cervids (primarily deer and elk). It is not known to infect humans. The disease has been found in a few mule deer and white-tailed deer along the Alberta/Saskatchewan border in relatively small portions of WMUs 150, 151, 163, 234, 236, 256, and 728 (see page 29 of this guide for a map of CWD cases in wild deer in Alberta).

Hunters and outfitters play a key role in assisting CWD management by helping to reduce deer numbers and by providing heads from harvested deer for the ongoing CWD surveillance program. Alberta began looking for CWD in wild deer in the hunting seasons in 1998. Since then we have tested over 20,000 heads of hunter-killed wild deer and elk and have found CWD in only 19 of them. Additional cases of CWD (n=42) were found as a result of government control programs.

Landowner quota licences will continue to be available. Landowners and/or their immediate family are required to apply for their quota licence through the local Fish and Wildlife office. Once approved they can purchase their licence online or at any licence issuer the following day. Landowner licences will be valid for titled or leased land in WMU 150, 151, 162, 163, 200, 202, 232, 234, 236, 256 and 500. Season dates for WMU 150, 151, 162 and 163 are November 4-7, November 11-14, November 18-21, November 25-28, December 2-5, December 9-12, December 16-19, and from December 21, 2009 to January 15, 2010 (Monday to Saturday). Season dates for WMU 200, 202, 232, 234, 236, 256 and 500 are from November 1, 2009 to January 15, 2010.

Note : It is a mandatory requirement to submit the head of all deer harvested in the following WMUs: 148, 150, 151, 162, 163, 164, 200, 202, 203, 232, 234, 236, 238, 254, 256, 258, 500, 728, and 730. Antlers and skull plate can be removed from bucks before the head is submitted. For European mounts, keep the top portion of the skull and submit the lower portion including the lower jaw, the tissues at the back of the throat, and the part of the skull that contains the connection between the spinal cord and the brain.

All heads for testing, including the partial skull samples (as above), must have a green CWD label which gives each head a unique identification number. **Be sure to include either GPS or land location as well as WMU and your WIN number for each head.** When available, test results for each head will be accessible online via your WIN number at www.albertarelm.com. In addition, a letter will be sent in the mail.

For more information about CWD, contact your local Fish and Wildlife office or visit www.srd.gov.ab.ca/fishwildlife/livingwith/diseases.

Deer hunting opportunities have been expanded within the eastern border regions in order to maintain hunting pressure on deer populations and to standardize seasons and opportunities. Check carefully for the changes being implemented in 2009.

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Common Licence Mistakes

GENERAL MULE DEER LICENCE

This licence is valid during the archery season which precedes the general season as well as in WMU 212 and 248. It is valid during the general season in the following WMUs: 316, 339-344, 347, 349-356, 412, 414, 432, 440-446, 511-520, 524, 525, 528-534, 536, 539-544 and 841. This licence is not valid during a season in which a Special Licence is required. All special licence seasons are indicated with a small black box by the season date in the Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations.

SUPPLEMENTAL ANTLERLESS MULE DEER LICENCE

This licence is issued with two tags and is only valid in WMUs 200, 234, 236, 256 and 500. It is a general licence and does not require a draw application.

YOUTH MULE DEER LICENCE

This licence is valid for resident hunters who are 12-17 years of age and who are eligible to hunt. This licence is valid during the archery season which precedes the general season as well as in WMU 212 and 248. It is valid during the general season in the following WMUs: 316, 339-344, 347, 349-356, 412, 414, 432, 440-446, 511-520, 524, 525, 528-534, 536, 539-544 and 841. This licence is not valid during a season in which a Special Licence is required. All special licence seasons are indicated with a small black box by the season date in the Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations.

SUPPLEMENTAL ANTLERLESS WHITE-TAILED DEER LICENCE

This licence is issued with two tags and is only valid in WMUs 150, 151, 162, 163, 200-208, 214-246, 250-260, 310-314, 322-326, 330-357, 360, 436-446, 500-514, 516-531, 534-544. It is a general licence and does not require a draw application.

YOUTH WHITE-TAILED DEER LICENCE

This licence is valid for resident hunters who are 12-17 years of age and who are eligible to hunt. It is valid during the archery only season which precedes the general season, in most of the WMUs in the province with the exception of WMUs 404, 406 and 408 (which are special draws), and WMU 212 and 248 archery only zones. Check the 2009 Alberta Guide to Hunting Regulations to see what zones this general licence is valid in. All special draw areas are designated by a small black box by the season date.

SUPPLEMENTAL BLACK BEAR LICENCE

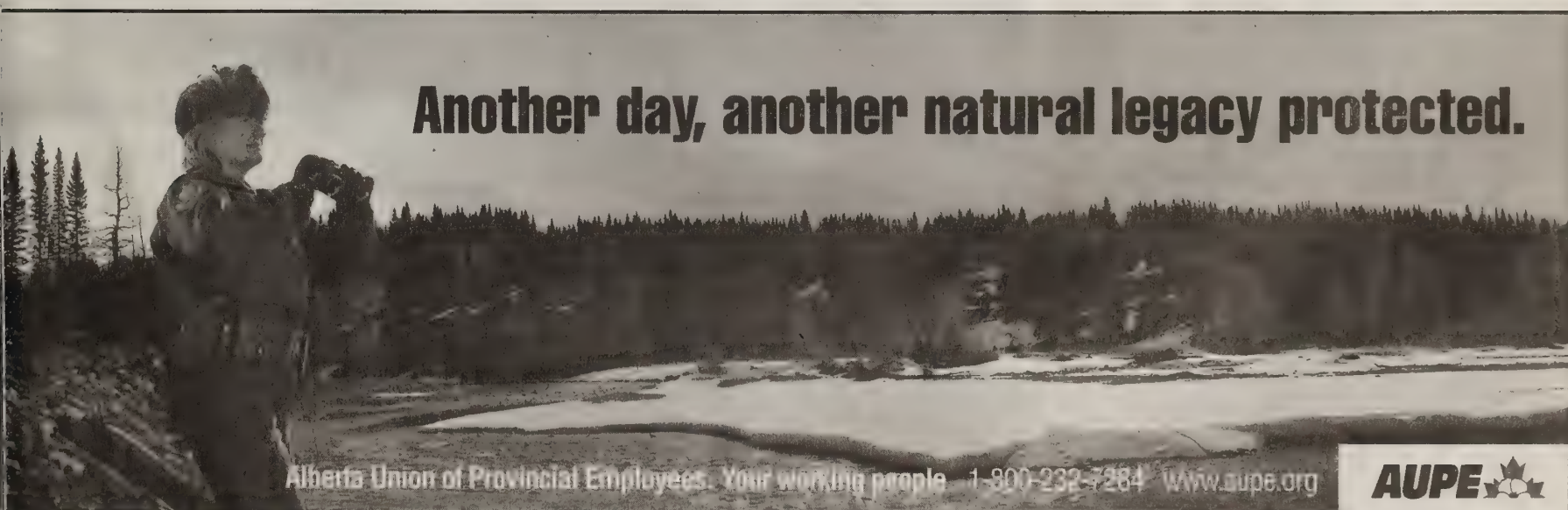
This licence is only valid in WMUs 224, 250, 258, 260, 320-360, 429, 445, 500-544 and 841. These are the only WMUs where one additional bear may be taken under this licence.

SPECIAL LICENCES

If you are drawn, a special licence purchase is authorized, once you are authorized for a special licence it cannot be cancelled. Depending on the licence combinations you may not be able to purchase a general licence. Example: if you are drawn for Antlered Mule Deer, Antlered White-tailed Deer or Antlered, Antlerless, or Calf Moose you will not be able to purchase a general licence. If you are drawn for Cypress Hills Elk, WMU 300 Elk, Antlered or Antlerless Elk you will not be able to purchase a general licence. Resident hunters are able to purchase an elk licence in combination with the WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Archery and the WMU 212 Antlerless Elk Special Licence.

WATERFOWL LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

Alberta residents require both a provincial Game Bird Licence and a Federal Migratory Game Bird Hunting Permit to hunt waterfowl. For information for non-residents and non-resident aliens licensing requirements see page 28.

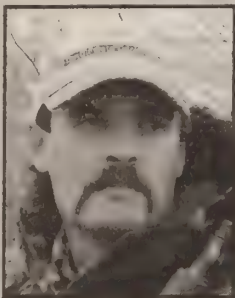


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MESSAGE from the PUBLISHER



Rob Miskosky

The 2008 Alberta Hunters of the Year contest had

some incredible entries this year, including the most elk entries we have ever received that featured some incredible

animals. However, we can only choose one winner for each category and because of this three hunters have been recognized for their success during the 2008 hunting season.

Jan J. Allen of Pincher Creek, Ray Cote of Lloydminster and Philip Friesen of La Crete, Alberta all had fantastic 2008 hunting seasons with each hunter harvesting a true trophy.

Jan J. Allen's Alberta Hunter of the Year winning velvet, archery-killed mule deer landed a final tally of 196 7/8. Taken near Pincher Creek, his buck earns him \$500 and the distinction of being Alberta's 2008 Hunter of the Year.

Ray Cote also needs to be recognized for his incredible bull elk. His bull, taken near Edgerton in WMU 234, scored 387 0/8 and is indeed a tremendous site to behold.

Philip Friesen also had an incredible 2008 season by harvesting a very respectable northern Alberta white-tailed buck that netted 184 3/8 after deductions. Both Philip and Ray earn \$250 and along with Jan the right to appear on page 96 of this year's regulations. Here you can view our winner's trophies.

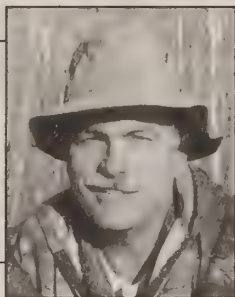
Hunters in Alberta are quickly becoming like that spoiled kid down the block. You know that kid, the one who gets everything. Well, if you hunt in Alberta, each year brings with it a plethora of new licences and extended seasons, opportunities that make us that spoiled kid on the block. From an array of new elk seasons, extra deer licences and the ability to use electronic calls for the hunting of coyotes, wolves, red fox, magpies and crows, there has never been a better time to be a hunter in our fair province.

And, hunters are being recognized for their contributions to the conservation of our wild animals and wild places by the Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritages Act, as well as Provincial Hunting Day in Alberta on September 26, 2009.

It truly is a good time to be a hunter in Alberta. If you know someone, whether they are a first-time hunter or someone coming back into the fold, give them some encouragement and advice—help them to help us become a stronger voice in Alberta.

Good hunting everybody! ■

READING THE SIGNS



by
**Don
Meredith**

It's a skill that has largely been lost in our modern world where most of us no longer depend on hunting and gathering to get our daily bread. Only a few hunters, trappers, biologists and

naturalists take the time to acquire the knowledge and experience necessary to read the tracks and signs left by wild animals.

In the past, trackers learned the craft from their parents and other elders. Today, track

knowledgeable people are few and far between. If we don't know

someone skilled in the art to show us the subtleties and pitfalls, we must use other resources like books, and teach ourselves through experience. Olaus Murie's classic *A Field Guide to Animal Tracks* (Peterson Field Guide series) was the book I used to gain the

fundamental knowledge required; and I still use it today. Another useful book is *Tom Brown's Field Guide to Nature Observation and Tracking*. Both books (among many others) are still available today.

TRACKS

Track identification is fundamental to becoming a good sign reader. Fortunately, game animals leave distinctive foot prints that in most cases can be easily identified with a little field experience. As a biologist, I quickly divide the kinds of tracks I see from one another by what part of the foot actually touches the ground

when making the track. Mammals generally can be broken down into three groups: heel-walkers, toe-walkers and hoof-walkers.

The heel-walkers include us humans and bears. We walk using the heels of our hind feet, placing most of the bones of the foot on the ground. Except for size and claw



Grizzly bear Tracks in mud, where they can remain "fresh" for a long time.

marks, the hind foot of a black or grizzly bear looks very similar to our own foot print.

Toe walkers include wolves, coyotes, foxes, lynx and mountain lions; in other words, the members of the dog and cat families. They walk on their toes keeping their ankles off the

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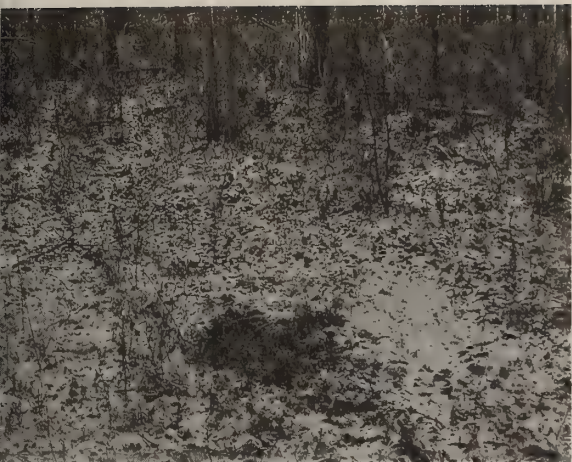
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Scrapes in the snow or leaf-covered ground indicate recent deer activity.

ground. This extra hinge in the leverage of the leg allows the animal to develop more relative speed than the heel walkers. Only the toes and a rear pad appear in each track of these animals. The tracks of members of the cat family can be distinguished from those of the dog family by the lack of claw marks in cat family tracks. Cats have retractable claws, dogs do not. Cats extend their claws only when they need them to climb or grip prey.

The hoof walkers, or ungulates, are the most highly developed for speed. They include deer, moose, elk, caribou, pronghorn, bighorn sheep and mountain goat. These animals walk on the equivalent of our toe and finger nails, the hooves. This elevates yet another hinge

(fetlock) in the running leg, lifting all bones in the foot off the ground. In most species the number of functional toes has been reduced to either two or one (horse).

Species of hoofed animals can be difficult to distinguish by tracks alone. The list of possibilities can be reduced by knowing what species occur in the area you're investigating. For example, I do not expect to find the tracks of bighorn sheep in the prairies or pronghorn in the mountains.

Size can distinguish many species and sexes. Moose are the largest member of the deer family and indeed have the largest tracks of that family (adult bulls up to 15 cm in length).

Elk tracks are also large but tend to be smaller than those of moose and rounder. In general, male tracks are larger than female tracks. However, there is much overlap between species and sexes, especially when the age of the animal is considered. Mule deer and white-tailed deer tracks are especially difficult to distinguish.

TRACKING MEDIA

The best time of year to track is when there is snow on the ground. Snow is the one medium that covers everything, and anything that moves on the ground must leave a mark. However, snow can be tricky. When sunlight hits a track in snow, the edges of the track melt increasing its size. Wind likewise evaporates the edges of a track or causes the track to be covered in loose snow. On the other hand such conditions also help you age the track. A fresh track in snow has sharp edges and there is usually a "kick-up" of snow at the leading edge of the track. These features are the first to erode in the



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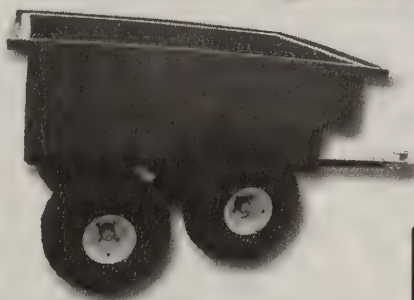
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Grizzly Bear hind foot, a heel walker like humans.

Coyote (A) and bobcat (B) tracks, toe walkers.

Moose (A) and elk (B) tracks, hoof walkers.

wind and sun. That is why it is important for a tracker to know what weather conditions were like in the immediate past in the chosen area.

If the snow cover is too deep or crusted, tracks will appear as large filled-in depressions. Here a tracker may look at a series of tracks to determine the gait of the animal that might be peculiar to just a few species. For example, coyotes and deer can leave similar-sized depressions in the snow; but coyotes have shorter gaits than deer, and their walking and running patterns differ.

As our falls continue to get warmer, there are less and less snow covered days in which to hunt. During snow-free times we must turn to other less prevalent media, such as mud and sand to find tracks. Unlike tracks in snow, a track in these media may appear "fresh" for several days. However, rain and wind can erode these tracks over time. Again, it is important to take recent weather events into account.

SCAT

Game animals also leave distinctive fecal droppings that can tell you much about who travelled where and when. Summer droppings are shaped differently from winter droppings. Fresh pellets dropped on top of the snow look differently in the snow from droppings that have been covered by snow and later melted out. Freshly defecated pellets have smooth and moist surfaces that quickly weather when exposed to wind and light.

OTHER SIGNS

Often tracks do not provide enough clues about their age, especially when there is no snow. Early morning frost on grass blades or shrub and tree branches can be an excellent indicator of trail age. Frost normally forms early in the morning and quickly evaporates when the sun comes up. Animals passing through vegetation knock the frost from it, contrasting the plants with those frost covered.

Pushed down and bent vegetation are also good clues; and this is where a tracker often has to back away and look at the big picture instead of the minutia on the ground. What looks different in the vegetation ahead? Was the bent grass made yesterday or just a few minutes ago? This is where experience plays a large role and "art" comes to play.

Animal beds are another good sign of age. If still growing, matted grass will gradually rise after a weight has been lifted. If dried in the fall, it will not. On cold mornings, frost will only be found in those beds not occupied when the frost formed. If a bed is made in snow, check to see if the bottom has had time to freeze hard. Compare with your own tracks.

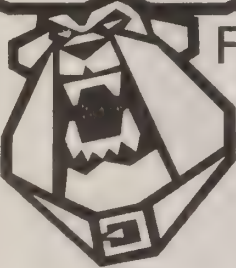
You can practice tracking and reading signs at any time of the year. I love to cross-country ski, but I'm often sidetracked by a fresh set of tracks crossing my trail. Likewise when I'm hiking in the mountains in the summer, I will spend a lot of time at creek crossings and other places where animals frequent to identify the tracks left there. To me, reading the signs is an enjoyable pastime that forces me to slow down, look and listen—a priceless commodity to me as a hunter, not to mention my health as a human being. ■



If the snow cover is too deep or crusted, tracks will appear as large filled-in depressions.

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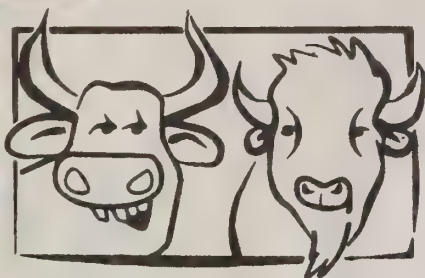
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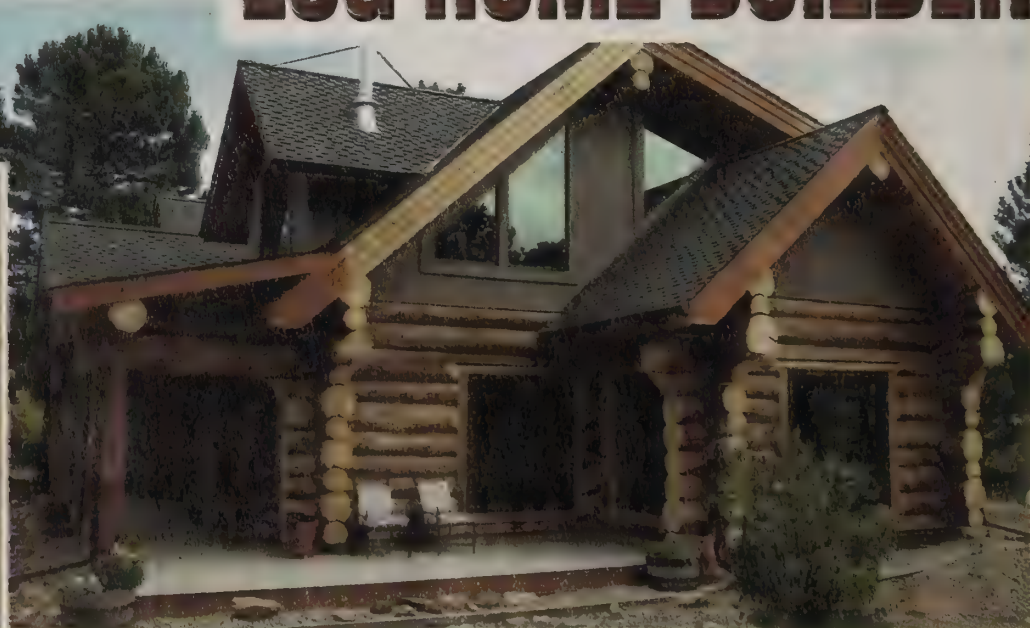
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But They're Just Ducks!

by
**Claudio
Ongaro**

I hear this all the time... "But they're just ducks!" Fortunately, Alberta is blessed with so many puddle ducks like mallards and pintails that we often take them for granted when it comes to setting up a hunt.

No matter where you hunt in Alberta, if there are grain fields there are mallards and pintails and they behave similarly throughout the province. Even during the drought years leading up to and just after 2002, there were always enough ducks around to put together a great hunt. I have seen hunts with as many as 15,000 ducks on it and as few as 150 along with most numbers in between. I have been chasing mallards with a passion since I was a kid. I have screwed up a bunch of duck hunts along the way only to be saved by the massive volume of mallards willing to decoy. Many of these hunts would have been far short of a limit had the duck volume not been there.

In my early years we seemed to scratch the limit of ducks each day but it was far from textbook or graceful. I would often say "Alberta is the only place you can screw up a duck hunt and get away with it." Thank goodness for a 6 duck limit back then. Had it been today's eight bird limit, I am certain we would have fallen short several

times. Since then I have learned a lot more about ducks and how they are 'just ducks', and if they decoyed as poorly as weary geese often can, we would never harvest any.

Most of us hunt ducks one of four ways. Puddle jumping, which is more of an upland approach to hunting where ducks are snuck up to on a tiny pond, flushed, and shot on the way out, takes the least amount of equipment, preparation and scouting and can be a lot of fun but often yields less table fare at the end of a physically demanding day.

Others prefer hunting ducks in fields over decoys as they come in to feed as the geese do, and more often than not are mixed in with them.



A retriever can be a huge benefit when hunting ducks over water.

Still others like to shoot them over tiny potholes as they puddle, usually to enjoy watching their retrievers work as much as the hunt itself.

A very limited crowd enjoys the big water experience of shooting ducks on lakes and reservoirs. In this situation you are more likely to shoot a mixed bag of ducks including the possibility of every species of duck that flies in and out of Alberta.

So what makes mallards and pintails so complex yet so eager to decoy here in Alberta?

In contrast to geese, I find them far more complex to scout for and figure out in order to hunt successfully each day. Geese, although far tougher to decoy, are easy to scout for and hunt. Watch where the geese are feeding in a field. Get permission. Get there early enough to set up your blinds and decoys. And then pray like

you never have before that they decoy well and the wind doesn't change.

Ducks on the other hand *will* decoy well if you are where they want to be. If not, all the praying in the world won't bring them even close enough for a look let alone

for a shot... I hate it when that happens and it is usually a result of poor or limited time for scouting and it does happen to all of us. What you see with ducks is not always what you get and their ability to switch patterns quickly has humbled even the most savvy duck hunters.

In areas with limited small bodies of water, ducks will feed and behave much like geese. They will come off the major roost at first light in the morning and fly directly to where they fed the day before. Hunt them here as you would hunt geese. Low profile blinds and a

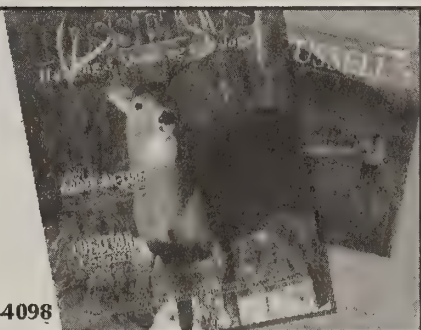
bunch of field decoys set up in your standard "U" or "J" patterns with the wind at your back. I rarely put out a duck decoy in this situation because of their affinity to decoy well into goose decoys. The goose decoys are far easier for the ducks to see in the high stubble left behind by the combines and swathers. This is likely the simplest and most consistent way to hunt mallards and pintails but does require the most equipment and time for set up. It is certainly the driest and doesn't require a dog as most birds will fall into the stubble and can easily be retrieved by the youngest or most able bodied hunter in your group.

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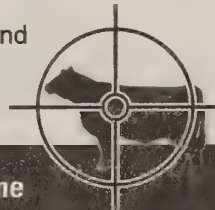


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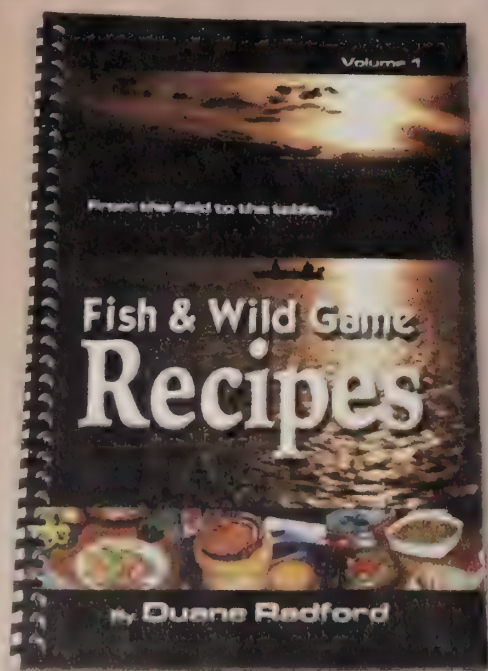
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In areas with a lot of water bodies and rivers, the scouting and hunting becomes far more complex as the ducks become these water loving creatures that do funny things before and after they feed in the fields. Certain times they will puddle then feed. While at others times, they will feed then puddle, and then yet at other times they will skip the puddling and go

directly to the feed. This can be the same group of ducks on different days and sometimes even on the same morning leading to confusion on how to set up the hunt. Ultimately the field is your safest bet as it is the epicenter of the activity unless they are puddling in the same field and too close to where you would set up in the field. Then you have to make a judgment call on what you have for equipment. The key to success is watching them carefully

and hunting them on what they did last if the weather stays the same. A weather change could alter their pattern and as I mentioned earlier they could pass you by without so much as a glance and leave you scratching your head as to what just happened.



The key to success is watching and hunting them based on what they did last.



If you do see a pond "black" with ducks this is not the pond to puddle jump. If you are not set up to hunt the water, watch where they go to feed and

hunt them in the field. If you have some floater decoys and a retriever you might want to try the water during the same time the next day when they return from whatever they were doing.

They may have come from a roost or they may have come from a field after feeding. Only watching them be ducks will determine that for you.

A quick word on recovering your downed birds if you do hunt near or on the water. I can't stress a retriever enough as you will shoot some of the ducks over water and

just as many in the cover surrounding the pond. Remember, it is illegal to hunt waterfowl without the means to immediately retrieve downed birds. Although I have seen several hunters use a fishing rod and large treble hook to recover ducks on the pond, I have yet to see a Red Devil or a Five of Diamonds pull a crippled duck out of the heavy cover surrounding the pothole. A duck down in heavy cover needs the nose of a well trained bird dog.

But water is not your only option as these ducks will likely end up in one of our thousands of grain fields to feed. You just have to find them and figure them out. After all... they're just ducks! ■



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Ditches, Drains and Coulees



by
**Neil
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For a grouse guy from Northern Alberta—used to the tight shooting and confined quarters of the Boreal—whenever I venture south of the tree line for a little upland action I'm always confounded with this conundrum: Where the heck do you find the birds in all those wide open spaces?

Some of those big fields can cover a whole section. Which makes tracking down a covey of Huns in all that featureless landscape a perplexing problem.

Not only for me but also for my yellow Lab Ginger, who is used to hunting where there are defined boundaries and known limits like lease roads, pipeline right-of-ways and community pasture edges. So turned loose in barley stubble that stretches to the horizon she tends to go a little nuts—while I do a lot of blowing on my Roy Gonia Special. Sometimes the whistling actually works.

So after a few frustrating trips to Big Sky Country I came to the realization about what's the best way to hunt it. And that's to ignore it.

Instead concentrate your efforts and precious hunting vacation hours to terrain that's best



The key to success is to focus on the small stuff and forget about the big picture.

described as Ditches, Drains and Coulees.

Just like the way you fish big water rivers like the Bow and North Saskatchewan—where you key on the stream within the river—similarly when you want to put some southern birds in your game pouch, the secret for success is to focus on the small stuff and forget about the big picture.

To survive and thrive prairie upland game birds like pheasants, Hungarian partridge and sharptail grouse need three things—a plentiful food source, cover where they can hole up from predators, and water.

Nothing meets all three of these requirements like irrigation ditches.

Sadly, with the adoption of pivots, piped water and the preservation of Southern Alberta's scarce

water resources, the leaky canals and cattail-lined storage tanks that created the classic pheasant habitat that saw Brooks declare itself the Pheasant Capital of the World back in the 1950s, is mostly gone.

But there are still remnants of the old system in the Eastern Irrigation District. Even better, after you fill out the necessary paperwork and follow the rules about keeping vehicles on the trails, then a massive 600,000 acres are available to upland hunters.

And it was down one of the EID's overgrown ditches last October, on a day when the weather alternated from bright sunshine to postage-stamp-sized snowflakes that sweating the small stuff paid off.

We hunted all the way up to an old reservoir through two cattail "tules" without cutting a scent. But on the way back down the other side Ginger finally got birdie. Then followed her nose out into a pasture. When she finally caught up with the runners, three hens blew out of a snowberry patch.

Back at the ditch she hit another hot scent that headed for a clump of buffalo berries with thorns so sharp they could rip you to shreds—but for some reason Labs are impervious to them.

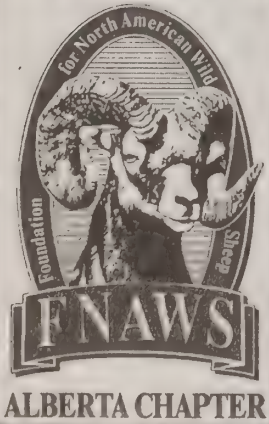
Because when Ginger dove into the thicket a red rooster cackled out the other side, picked up the wind, then rocketed down the ditch, followed by two strings of #5 shot.

Another landform where open country uplanders can save steps and find game are the little rills, valleys and other low spots, too difficult to till, that reach out like fingers into the fields and provide a perfect spot for game birds to hide, which I call "drains."

Some are so narrow that you can easily jump across them. But they are well worth spending a half hour or so exploring.

As I did recently where a weedy draw led from a central coulee into big stubble.

The dog made game right off the start and



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ollowed the rill back into the field. At a
nstriction in the cover a sharptail got up but
inger continued up the draw. The birds were
early runners not fliers. And would likely stay
at way until the cover ran out. Which was
out to happen. When the Lab hit the top of the
ain a covey of five sharpies got up and I raised
e Ruger and let them have it.

The third and probably most prolific prairie
ndform is the coulee. These iconic valleys
urved into the land by centuries of rain water
nd snow melt washing away the soft southern
lberta rock are sometimes so deep and steep
at they are virtually mountains in reverse.
And they provide a safe haven and prime food
ource, not only for upland game birds, but for
g game as well.

Coulees tend to have three hunting zones, all of
hich should be explored.

As a result one coulee, if conditions are right
nd it's producing birds, can take an entire day to
unt.

The most obvious part of a coulee is the
ottom. If it's a wet coulee the floor will be a
nfusion of honey suckle, course grasses and
ildrose tangles that provide prime resting,
iding and feeding areas for upland
birds—pheasants in particular.

Hunting slowly through the cover with a dog or
pushing" with a couple of hunting partners can
e a very productive way to work the habitat.

ut be very careful about where you place your
unting boots. Coulee bottoms generally have a
eep and sharp-sided wash that meanders
rough it and appears and disappears with no
attern or logic. Taking a tumble into one with a
oaded firearm is something you definitely want
o avoid.

The sides of coulees are also worth hunting,
pecially those with side ravines full of choke
herries and buffalo berry. The coulee walls also
end to have two contrasting personalities with
he eastern side, which catches more of the hot
un, covered with crunchy fescue called "prairie
ool". While the vegetation on the sheltered
western side tends to be more lush.

In either case, both hold game birds. Huns are
particularly fond of the buffalo grass on the
xposed side as a place to rest, sun themselves
nd get out of the relentless prairie wind.

Another prime spot to find coulee birds is the
ransition zone between the cultivation and the
wild cover.

Pheasants love to hole up in what ruffed grouse
unters call "edge" and a careful hunt along a
coulee top can also provide some pretty exciting
hotgunning.

As I discovered while hunting a gorgeous
coulee complex on the Milk River Ridge.

The wind was blowing a couple of clicks short
f a hurricane but the birds didn't seem to mind.
As I prowled along the coulee top Ginger
orked the slope and produced covey after
ovey of Huns while several ringnecks flushed
rom the choke cherries.

It was a memorable day. Now if only my



Side ravines full of choke cherries and buffalo berry are definite hunting areas.

shooting had matched the work of the dog.

While there are several properties under
conservation easements through the fine efforts
of Albertans Fish and Game Association clubs
and other conservation organizations, most
southern Alberta upland habitat is on private
land. So always ask before you cross the wire.

But you won't mess with success if you
channel your prairie upland efforts on ditches,
drains and coulees.

Hunting Tips

- Prairie upland habitat can be pretty prickly, gnarly, thorny terrain so a stout pair of hunting boots is mandatory.
- Upland pants faced with a briar resistant material can also ease the pain when hunting coulee bottoms and ditch edges.
- A cap or hat with a good brim is also an asset. The sun is low in the sky during upland bird season and in that split second when you raise your gun, find the flushed birds and fire, you will need all the help you can get.
- Semi autos and double barrel shotguns are also preferred over pumps for upland hunting because of the time it takes to jack the next shell into the chamber.
- And while those discount shot shells from big box stores work fine for ruffies in the bush, you need a lot more bang for your buck on the flat land. So upgrade your ammo to a quality

pheasant load in 5 or 6 shot.

- Not only do the birds tend to flush at a greater distance, the wind is also a serious factor. ■

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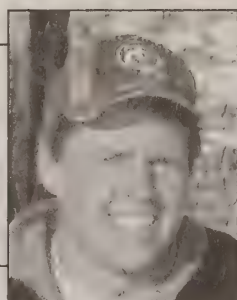
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Talking Their Language

If there was ever an animal in Alberta shrouded in mystery, it would have to be the moose. While a target of a great many hunters each fall, not many truly understand this complex creature and its means of visual and auditory communication. However, for those that do figure out this secret code, success is all but assured. Figure out what it is a moose is saying and then talk to him in his language and the odds of a freezer full of delicious meat go way up.

The Visual Signs

Moose, much like whitetails, make large scrapes in the ground and they will routinely visit these scrapes to clean them out, check for scent of other moose and of course, urinate in them themselves to freshen it with their scent. Once you find a scrape, you will usually find a line of them. Look along the edges of trails through the woods, on cutlines or in one of my favourite spots, near large beaver dams. There is little doubt when you are near a fresh scrape as the smell is overpowering but unlike whitetails that seem to abandon their scrapes during the actual breeding period of the rut, moose seem to still visit them often. While originally thought to only be used by the bulls, it seems cows visit scrapes often as well and can be seen lying in them and coating themselves with scent. The reason for this is still open to



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some speculation but these scrapes do seem to be a meeting place for cows and bulls.

When looking for a place to call moose from, a fresh scrape definitely rates highest on my



Figure out what it is a moose is saying and chances are your freezer will be full of delicious moose meat.

list. It is worth spending the time looking for them as I honestly can't remember ever calling from a scrape that was still wet and reeking of urine when I didn't have a bull respond. My

theory is that the bulls make these scrapes and then wait for cows to visit them. If the cow likes what she sees and smells, she'll lie in the scrape to take on the scent of the bull. The bull is likely nearby and comes to check out her new perfume. When you call from a scrape, it makes the bull think there is another bull moving in on his territory and you can count on him coming to check you out.

Auditory Communication

During the rut, moose talk a lot yet few hunters understand what they are saying. To truly be successful, you need to know the meaning of every bawl and grunt and more importantly, learn when to use them.

The long mournful cow bawl is the one that most moose hunters are familiar with and it is likely the least understood. Many moose hunters feel that this sound imitates a lonely cow in search of a mate but the truth is, most often when a cow bawls, it means she is already in the company of a bull but she's just not certain that he's Mr. Right and she's keeping her options open. This is important to know, as when a bull responds to a cow call, he figures it's highly likely that there is another bull in the vicinity. You can really capitalize on this when the bull gets close.

While calling can be productive during both the early morning and late evening, it is during the early hours of the day that I've enjoyed my best success. Get yourself into position well before first light and then once legal light has arrived, let out a long mournful bawl and listen closely. Some bulls can be very vocal when coming in to a call, while others will sneak silently in but the sooner you can detect one coming in, the greater your odds of success.

I'll call every 30 minutes or so for about 2 hours before calling it a morning. I'll go back to that same spot in the evening as often as a bull may come partially in to your call in the morning but hang up for some reason but be close by in the evening. The only problem with calling in the evening is that you are always fighting impending darkness.

Once I know a bull is actually coming in, I never cow call again but switch to bull mode. Remember, the bull coming in expects there to be a bull with the cow. Bulls communicate with a series of deep, guttural grunts and I like to talk back to the bull with the same cadence as he is talking to me. If he grunts a lot, I'll reciprocate but if he is shy, I'll do the same as seldom grunt. By mimicking the bull that you are working, your odds of success go way up.

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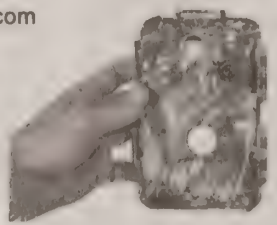
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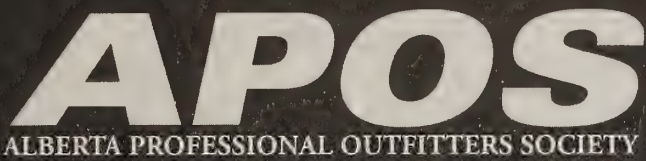
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Talk too much or too little and the bull will often lose interest.

While getting bulls within rifle range is rarely an issue, getting them within bow range can be an entirely different thing. Bulls have a nasty habit of hanging up between 60 and 100 yards away, just out of bow range. There are two way to deal with these bulls and you



When it all comes together!

really need to read each bull individually to see what will work. My first course of action is to grab a large stick (a dried out moose shoulder blade works well too) and start beating up a

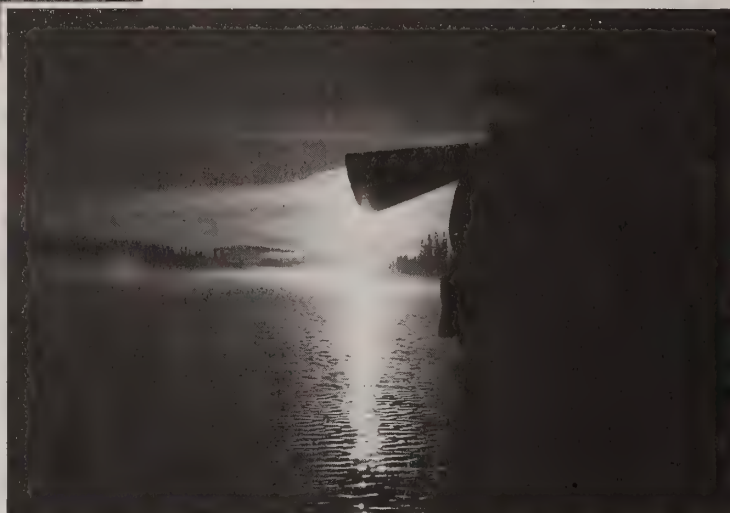
nearby willow. This often infuriates a reluctant moose to the point where he charges right in. If that fails, try totally ignoring the bull and only

grunt if he starts to walk away. This can be a real game of cat and mouse that can go on for hours, but it seems each time he loses interest and you grunt, he'll move a

August and as late as the second week of November, I'd say the last week of September and first week of October are the prime times most of Alberta. While the rut is totally triggered by the amount of sunlight, there is no doubt that some cold weather will really increase the action. If you get a number of hot days in a row, count on the hunting being extremely tough.

There are loads of commercial calls available for hunters but I've yet to find anything that works as well as the human voice. Just to show how old I am, I learned to call moose off an old 45 record. Today, there are countless CDs and DVDs out there that will help you with your calling. I'll occasionally use a birch bark horn

to amplify my cow calls but after that I just cup my hands in front of my mouth to slightly increase the volume. The cow bawl is actually quite easy to learn and doesn't sound that different from a domestic cow, but the bull grunt takes time to master. It is



Few hunters know how to call moose properly.

guttural sound that needs to originate deep in your belly. Learning to do it properly is critical and the best training is while talking to another bull.

When it all comes together, calling moose is as exciting as it gets. There is no animal in Alberta that is so responsive to proper calling and for my money, the moose rates right up at the top for culinary fare well. ■

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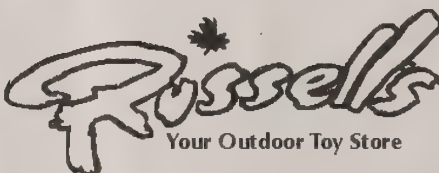
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few steps closer until he finally gets within bow range.

While moose can be very aggressive during the rut, they are rarely looking for a fight with another bull and most of their grunting and posturing is an attempt to intimidate the bull they think is with the cow. This is why they often hang up just out of range; they want to size up the competition before getting too close.

While I've called bulls in as early as late

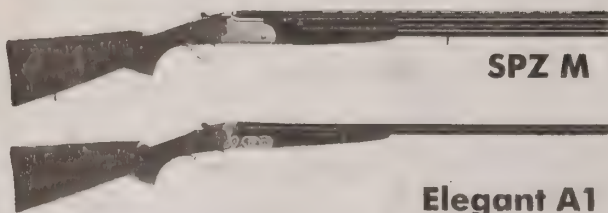


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zone management units (WMU 212, 248, and 410) that create an extra unique Alberta advantage. The archery-only zones maintain a reputation for generating excellent trophies. While whitetails can be hunted in the other areas, it's the Edmonton and Calgary bow zones that most consistently capture the attention of bowhunters here and abroad.

Bowhunting Requires a Paradigm Shift

If you're new to bowhunting, your biggest challenge will be the requisite paradigm shift. Some of the skills you learned as a gun-hunter will no doubt carry over. But for the most part, you'll quickly learn that bowhunting whitetails require acute attention to detail. It's a close-range game. Ask any seasoned archer and they'll tell you most



by
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of their deer are taken at distances of less than 20 metres. As a rule even the most experienced bowhunters will say 40-metre shots are not an option. As such, whitetail bowhunters rely heavily on their ability to create up-close-and-personal shot opportunities. While spot-and-stalk bowhunting is possible, it is arguably the least effective strategy. Treestand and ground blind hunting are by far the most productive methods employed by archers. In turn, your first priority should be to identify and get access to the land you want to hunt.

With access granted, you're on your way. The next step is to study the land. Invest the time learning the property. This involves looking at aerial photos and topo maps to identify natural funnels. Aside from the peak rut window, your goal should be to locate travel routes in transition zones between bedding and feeding areas.

Next, take a walk in the woods. Watch for evidence of the deer density. Locate trails, droppings, hair, beds, rubs and scrapes. Take note of ridges, heavily used trails, trail intersections, bedding areas, pinch points, staging areas, thermal cover, and most importantly locate the best food source. Does invariably key in on that food source and, where there are does, bucks will show up as well. As the rut progresses, hunting the doe groups will always serve you well.

Then it's time to choose stand sites or ground blind sites. Consider prevailing winds and, if possible, select morning stand locations, all-day locations, and evening locations. Choose sites based on your best chance for an archery shot but also on your ability to get in and out of the site without disturbing deer.

By far, the majority of whitetail bowhunters take to the trees. It elevates scent and puts the hunter above the deer's line of sight. As a rule, if available, look for larger diameter coniferous trees; these offer the best cover. Deciduous trees like aspens certainly can work but they leave the bowhunter exposed. If you plan to use a ground



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blind, position the blind well off the trail and camouflage it with natural cover like branches and leaves. As a rule, for both treestands and ground blinds look for places 15 to 20 metres off of the trail(s) that you anticipate the deer will walk on. Try to set up in anticipation of a broadside or quartering away shot.

Last but not least, be sure to clear shooting lanes. Archery hunting requires a clear lane through which your arrow can pass unobstructed. Every experienced bowhunter has fallen victim to obscured kill zones and phantom branches that seem to jump out of nowhere deflecting the arrow out of play.

Patience & Timing Produce Results

Bowhunting Alberta whitetails can be an exercise in patience. Take a mature Alberta whitetail with a bow and you've accomplished something special. Seasoned archers will tell you it's a bit tougher to arrow a big buck before the rut. Sure it's done every year but hunting in a province where deer densities are relatively low and the habitat so abundant, creates a challenging situation. Patterning bucks in the very early season can be straightforward, particularly before they lose their velvet. But right around the first week in September as the nights grow colder, bucks in our part of the world begin to lay down boundary scrapes and make the first rubs of the year. These signposts can be appealing

but less relevant for setting ambush sites in the early season. During this time, focusing on prime food sources, even field edges early morning or evening can be dynamite ambush locations. Later on, particularly during the last week of October as the pre-rut buck movement increases, active



Patience will give the archer a good opportunity to arrow an excellent buck.

primary scrapes and rubs can be worth a closer look. It's during this phase that bowhunters can be very effective sitting all day along transition zones and in key movement corridors.

Bowhunting whitetails is often viewed as a reactive endeavor due to the ambush tactics commonly used. But as the rut heats up, that can all change. Where buck-to-doe ratios are high, rattling and calling can work well. In the pre-rut,

smaller and middle-aged bucks are easily attracted to the sounds of antler on antler. Likewise, a doe estrous bleat and grunt call can be used to attract curious bucks. Most often, it's not until the first estrous gets going that the older, bigger, and more wary bucks drop their guard. As breeding activity peaks and these larger bucks feel the pressure to travel and find hot does, they become more visible and vulnerable. In turn, bowhunters typically enjoy the most success during the peak of the whitetail rut, i.e., often from November 9 through 18. For most bowhunters, it's a matter of patience and timing the hunt. Put in your time, and results will follow.

On Shot Placement

On a final note, every bowhunter dreams of arrowing a big Alberta monarch. Many of us invest three months a year in search of the ultimate trophy. What many don't realize is just how critical shot placement really is, particularly on big whitetails. Everyone

knows you need to put the arrow in the chest, but what most don't understand is the difference between shooting a small or average-sized buck and one of the really big ones. Accurate arrow placement is always important but it's even more so with the truly huge mature bucks. These deer have an uncanny will to live and they can go great distances following a marginal hit. A double-lung shot is always the best archery shot choice. ■

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I got close my heart began to race—I could hear elk chirping and mewing back and forth. It wasn't very loud but I knew exactly what direction to head.

The vocalizations of the elk told me that they were spread out across the field. I continued to make my way to the top of the hill, taking one step at a time to reduce my noise and movement. I didn't know where the nearest elk was and didn't want to pop out right on top of one. I had plenty of time and was

hoping to catch a bull somewhere within the group.

My strategy paid off and when I could actually see into the field, elk were spread out over a 300 metre area. A lone bull was in the herd and I waited for legal light as the animals slowly drifted towards the trees. When the eastern sky brightened with the start of a new



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day, I took the bull as he nosed his way towards cover. I fondly remember that hunt even though I never used a call to be successful.

However, I learned something very valuable that morning

that has helped me take several elk since. Elk are social creatures. They like to hang out in herds and spend most of their lives with other

elk. Along with being social they are also very vocal. The auditory communication between these animals is a part of everyday life for them. I once believed that elk quit calling when they were under lots of hunting pressure or after the season had been open for weeks. That simply isn't true. Elk may call



Along with being very social, elk are also very vocal, communicating at regular intervals.

less and be quieter in their responses but they still vocalize regularly.

You can learn a lot by listening to elk. The cows and calves on that snowy November morning were content and playful. You could hear it in their voices. Their calls sounded relaxed and comforting. They weren't high pitched, alarming or even scolding in nature.

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ve heard alarmed and scolding calls and know
om watching and listening that a content
mosphere is what appeals to elk.

I like to think that you need to create

expression in your calls to try and
atch a hunting situation or to
mimic what the animals would be
doing naturally. When I'm cow
calling I try to do it in a pleading
inquisitive manner. That is, the
chirps are asking some type of
question and you can hear it in the
call. Where are you? Hello, where
d everybody go? I've had great
response to my pleading calls as
they naturally represent an animal
looking for the rest of the herd.
The call is elongated, gentle and
repeated several times.

If you've ever had the
opportunity to watch elk in one of
our national parks you'll know
that they are always talking. By
listening to the way they call and

what they are doing you can easily fine tune
our approach to communicating with elk.
I saw a calf once that called with a long,
leading tone. The young animal was searching
for his herd and mom simply answered back
with a short chirp that almost sounded like a
bark but without an alarming tone.

I now use similar tones on my cow call to
settle alarmed animals. I always keep my
squeeze Me cow call in a pocket so that I can
operate it on a seconds notice.

Last fall I bumped a young cow while bow
hunting. She jumped and darted into the bush,
obviously alarmed. I squeezed a short and
distinct chirp at her and she settled right down
and went back to feeding. Minutes later the bull
showed up, having heard movement and the
cow call. Unfortunately he didn't sport three
points on either antler but at eight yards I had a

good look at him and knew that the call
worked.

I've called bulls in late August, pleading like a
young cow looking for a herd to join. It



**Cow calling has proven to be the most consistent method of
locating bulls or cows during the entire hunting season.**

generated an excited response from the bull,
which came running and dancing down the
pipeline as though he'd struck gold. I closed the
deal by calling behind my back and placed my

arrow in the bull's vitals. He simply stood
there, continuing to look for the cow that had
originally caught his attention.

I've cow called bulls in September and

October with regular success. I
watched two bulls do battle in a
creek bottom one morning and when
all was said and done the winner
rounded up the cows and pushed
them down the valley. I crossed the
creek, got on the far bank and
starting calling like a cow that had
been left behind. I climbed further up
the valley and called softly. About 20
minutes later I spotted a cow coming
back in my direction. Within minutes
the entire herd came into view with
the bull trailing his harem. The lead
cow was coming back towards my
cow calls and I hid behind a big
aspen as she went by; followed by
the rest of the herd. When the bull
passed in front of me I squeezed the
trigger to close my tag for the year.

Cow calling is the most consistent for finding
bulls or cows during the entire length of the
hunting season. I've taken over a dozen bulls
by doing nothing else but cow calling. It works



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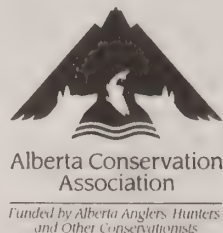
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Sometimes the cow call just doesn't work by itself.

three short but distinct chirps on my call. In my mind I was saying, "Hey, it's just me; settle down. There's nothing to be alarmed about." I must have done something right, as the lead cow

walked back to us and my son made a perfect shot at just 40 metres.

I've had situations when a cow call won't work on a bull. Last year I bugled back and forth with a bull but he kept significant distance between us. I used my cow call to get in close and actually had three different cows come right to me, to check me out, but the bull held tight in heavy cover. After getting close

I used my bugle to generate a response from the bull and let him know I was in amongst his cows. He was screaming mad but still wouldn't come to any of my calls. I eventually charged the bull and got within 70 metres of him, making a ton of noise as I crashed in his

direction. The moment I stopped I screamed a challenging bugle towards the bull and he finally came to fight. The bull charged in my direction smashing everything in his path. At less than 40 metres the bull stopped and I bugled again just to let him know I was a real challenger. I've watched real bulls fight before and they don't back down or let up if they think they are big enough to win a fight. I called aggressively, in the same manner.

I shot that bull at 19 paces, as he emerged with eyes bulged and nostril flared. It was an awesome experience that further proved that you need to stay versatile when calling elk. Just using a cow call or just using a bugle would have never allowed me to take that bull. You have to think in terms of how elk communicate and what they may be saying to each other.

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If you want to start a debate, how to handle a big game carcass after the kill and whether it should be aged (and for how long), is sure to get the conversation going, perhaps even more so than "the best all-round rifle caliber" for big game in Alberta.

To help set the record straight, I'm going to review some reports prepared by the University of Wyoming professors in the 1970s (*The Elk Carcass* by R.A. Field, F. C. Smith and W. G. Leppworth, University of Wyoming, 1973; *Aging Big Game* by Ray A. Field, University of Wyoming, 1977).

Dr. Brian Hammond brought these studies to my attention. While this research may be dated, the results are consistent with recent observations and recommendations in a book *Field Dressing Your Big Game* (2005) written by R.M. LeMay regarding caribou, white-tailed deer and moose.



Deer carcasses should be cut about 7 days after the kill. If they've been held at higher temperatures (above 4 C [40 F]) the meat should be cut before 7 days.

In *The Elk Carcass* study, field-dressed carcasses of six bull and six cow elk were delivered to the University of Wyoming Meat Laboratory, each split, one side skinned immediately, and all aged 2 weeks at 3 C (38 F), except for a loin sample which was removed for tenderness tests. Weight losses and bacterial growth on the carcasses during aging were recorded. After aging, one side of each carcass was butchered into retail cuts and the other side was separated into bone, fat and lean meat. Loin roasts were saved for flavour and

tenderness tests. Detailed tests were done to measure moisture, fat, protein and ash content of ground meat samples which were also tested for bacteria. Interestingly, on average, about 5.45 hours elapsed between the time of kill and delivery of the carcasses to the University of Wyoming meat laboratory. The bull elk ranged



Bull elk should normally be aged for two weeks for proper tenderness.

in age from 1.5 to 9.5 years and the cows from 2.5 to 5.5 years.

Following is a snapshot of the key findings from *The Elk Carcass* study:

- The hide side of each elk carcass cooled at a slower rate than the skinned side.
- If the elk sides had not been hung to allow good air

circulation, the cooling rates would have been much slower.

- Splitting the backbone, especially between the shoulders, and propping the carcass open, also speeds up chilling.
- The hide-on sides lost 6.2 pounds of moisture over the aging period while the skinned sides lost 8 pounds over the aging period.
- The hide prevented some mold and bacterial growth on the outside surface of the carcass, and prevented the lean meat from becoming dark and dry. Consequently, waste from trimming dried and darkened lean meat was lower from the hide side.
- Many of the disadvantages of aging for two weeks can actually be avoided by aging for one week. In the case of cow elk, one week of aging probably would have been sufficient from a tenderness standpoint. Meat from bull elk did not benefit as much from aging as cow elk, and



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after aging two weeks meat from the bull elk was still considerably tougher than from the cows; however, bull elk should normally be aged for two weeks for acceptable tenderness.

• Leaving the hide on or removing it during aging did not affect tenderness or flavour of the meat when the elk carcasses were chilled rapidly. Even on relatively cool days, facilities to speed up chilling of an elk carcass are beneficial because meat can sour even on cold days unless there's good air circulation around the carcass.

• Aging elk meat is not necessary if the meat is to be ground or made into sausages while cooking pot roasts or stews will render it tender without aging, a point well taken.

Following are some common sense tips based on the research done in 1973 that are recommended for elk which would also apply to handling any big game carcass after the kill until the meat goes into the freezer:

- Gut the animal as soon as it's dead, and properly bleed it by cutting the throat, if necessary.
- Lift the carcass to drain blood, and wash the body cavity with clean water. Dry with towels. The carcass should be hung or laid on top of rocks or logs to allow for air circulation and cooling.
- The field dressed carcass can be moved immediately after the kill without chilling. However, under ideal conditions the carcass should be taken directly to a cooler where it can be skinned and chilled rapidly. Where this is not possible the hot carcass should be hung in camp.
- If the nights in camp are below freezing, skinning is not recommended because the skin does protect the carcass from dirt and insects. If the nights are above freezing, skinning will be necessary to prevent spoilage.

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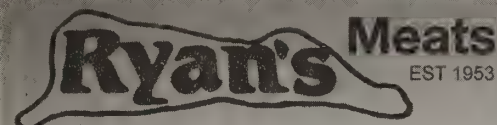
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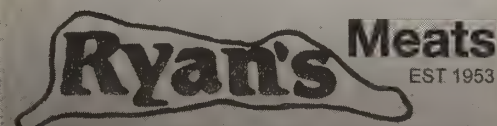
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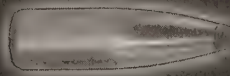
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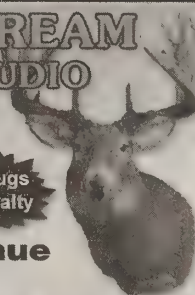
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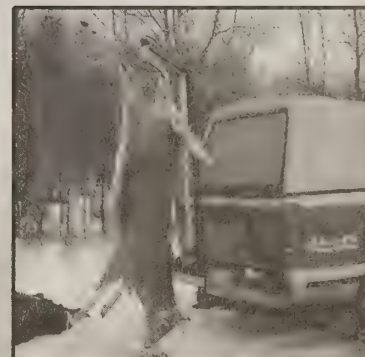
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Generally speaking, it's best to get the hide off an animal as quickly as possible.

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Some of the key recommendations in the *Aging Big Game* pamphlet

- In warm weather it's strongly recommended, when possible, that the carcass be taken to a cooler the day of the kill.
- If skinned, use cheesecloth or light cotton bags to keep the carcass clean, minimize drying and protect the meat from insects.
- Ensure the internal temperature of the meat

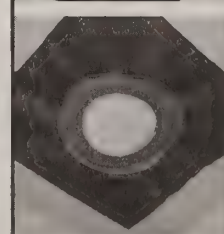
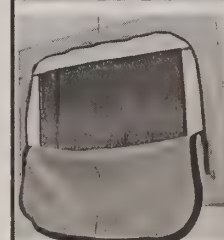
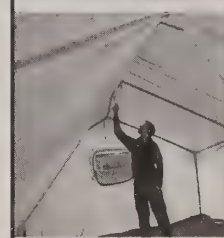
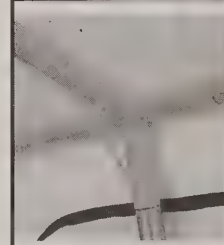
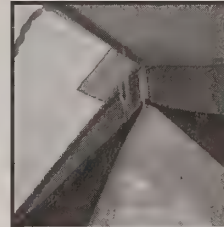
Generally speaking, it's best to get the hide off big game animals as soon as practical to cool the meat and prevent spoilage. You can keep prime cuts separate from meat destined for ground meat or sausages and age it in a container in a cooler for 1-2 weeks if the animal is obviously old—1 week of aging should be adequate for females, 2 week for males, generally speaking. It's not necessary to age a young animal, however.

In the *Aging Big Game* pamphlet, "aging" is defined as "the practice of holding carcasses or cuts at temperatures from 1-3 C (34-37 F)" while enzymes function to break down some of the complex proteins found in muscle tissue. Quick aging of beef is done commercially by

which are applicable to Alberta follow:

- Antelope carcasses should be cut and wrapped for the freezer within days after the kill; short aging helps prevent a liver-like or mushy texture sometimes found in antelope meat.
- Deer, bighorn sheep, mountain goat, cow elk and moose carcasses should be cut about 7 days after the kill. If they've been held at higher temperatures (above 4 C [40 F]) the meat should be cut before 7 days.
- Bull elk and moose carcasses should be cut after a 14 day aging period at 1-3 C (34-37 F) when animals are mature.

Notwithstanding the foregoing information on handling the carcass and aging big game, many practical considerations have to be taken into account. I'll leave the final word on the subject to Susan (Sue) Kane-Doyle, Canada's outdoor recipe queen, who says, "What gets ruined in the field can not be made better in the kitchen." ■



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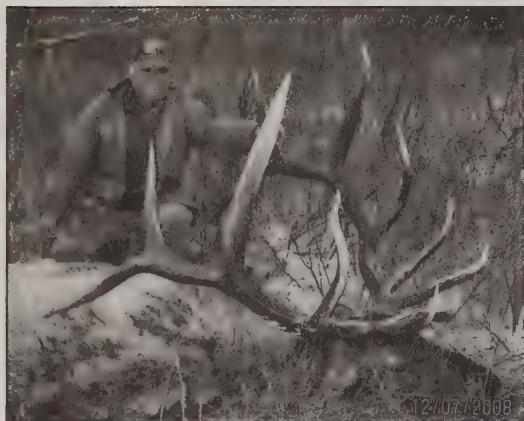
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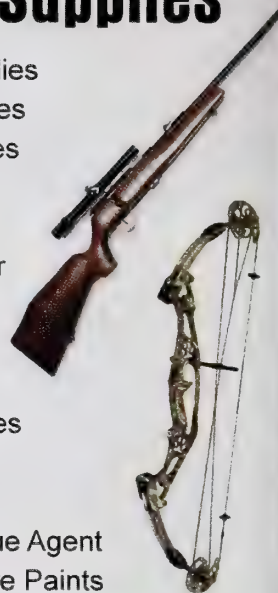
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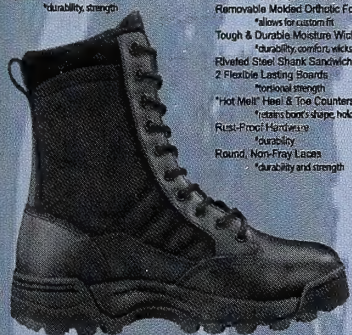
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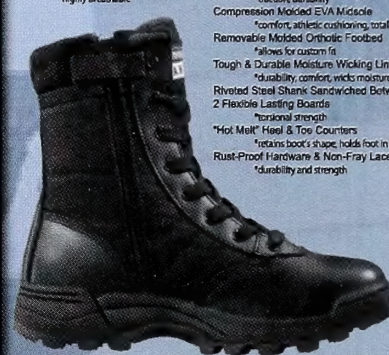
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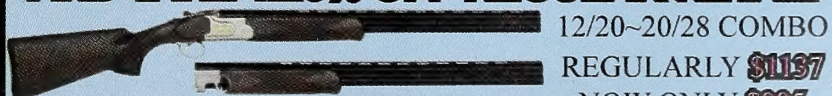


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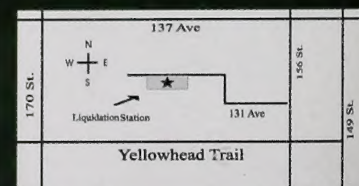
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